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Defence Minister Peres talks over the situation with young Arabs in a Nablus cafe yesterday. (Israel Sun)

## Hebron mayor threatens to quit; business strike in E. Jerusalem

By ANAN SAFADI  
Additional policemen and troops were sent to Hebron yesterday to reinforce security forces in the town and the West Bank as a result of the Hebron Mayor's threat to resign. The Mayor, Elias Frej, said that he had no plans of quitting, but he said the Israel Government must now review its policy in the West Bank. It should realize that "we are opposed to occupation, and we want to be free," he added.

The focus of yesterday's events was East Jerusalem where shopkeepers staged a general strike over the Temple Mount issue as well as the wounding on Wednesday of three young Arabs, one of whom was still in critical condition at Hadassah last night.

A warning by the Jerusalem police to put into effect an emergency law locking up closed shops for three months, led to the reopening of a few establishments late in the evening. But the commercial centres remained largely paralysed.

Tourists yesterday mingled with steel-helmeted police and troops who at times charged with clubs and tear gas to disperse Old City rioters. Some 50 demonstrators were arrested, bringing to nearly 200 the total of those rounded up in the past two days.

Unrest also continued yesterday in several West Bank towns including Hebron, Tulkarm, Beit Sahur, Beit Jala and Nablus, where there was a business strike in mid morning.

Troops were brought in to help Border Police in Hebron, where riots erupted following the circulation of anti-Israeli leaflets in town. At one stage almost all local shops were closed except a restaurant belonging to the nearby Kiryat Arba Jewish settlement.

In Nablus, where an explosive charge went off under an Israeli car before dawn yesterday, students staged a morning riot followed by a commercial strike. The city fathers yesterday set up a 36-man committee to administer Nablus after Mayor Ma'az Masri's refusal to withdraw the council's resignation submitted last week.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday visited Nablus and three other West Bank towns, pausing at bazars to talk to local residents and sip coffee with them. The minister's tour included Ramallah, el-Bireh and Hebron. In the latter town he promised stallkeepers that they would be compensated by the military authorities for the damages and losses caused to them by the city riots.

## Kollek raps Government

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday attacked Government leaders for failing to respond quickly to the Magistrate's Court's decision seven weeks ago calling for Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount.

"To my sorrow," he said in a radio interview, "misunderstanding about the gravity of the situation and hesitations... the result of concessions to certain nationalistic winds blowing in our midst... caused an opportunity to be missed for preventing the present ferment."

Kollek accused the officials of being cut off from the daily pulse beat of life in the city, a situation for which the city is paying.

The mayor also lashed out at Likud city councilmen Gershon Solomon and Rabbi L.I. Rabinowitz for leading prayer in attempts on the Temple Mount. "The deeds and declarations of minority extremists in the wake of the Magistrate's Court's decision has provided ammunition to extremist elements in the Arab population, especially at a time when the political situation is already tense. These gentlemen, leading young and innocent children (Betar youth) to all sorts of deeds, apparently lack suitable judgment."

Kollek said there was no question about Jewish sovereignty over united Jerusalem including the Temple Mount. What was needed to strengthen this sovereignty, he said, was a large Jewish population which knew how to behave with tolerance and generosity and not irresponsible action.

Deputy Mayor Yehoshua Matza of Likud also came out strongly yesterday against the attempts by his two fellow Likud members on the City Council to push for Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount. In an article in "Maariv," Matza said that tolerance and quiet were necessary in order to build a united city under Israeli sovereignty.

In stirring up emotions, he said, this policy was being undermined. Matza said he saw Jews praying on the Temple Mount in some future time without any political or religious controversy. Until then, he said, it was necessary to act towards the Arabs with tolerance, a soft hand and concessions. "There is no ignoring the Arabs of the city. We must permit them the broadest possibilities economically, at the municipal level and religiously."

## Bomb under bus

Jerusalem Post Staff  
A small bomb made of a charge in a tin can exploded under a tourist bus at the Intercontinental Hotel in Jerusalem yesterday, causing no injuries or damage.

The bus driver apparently thought the noise came from his engine and continued driving, but the police were alerted by a hotel guest who saw the charge go off.

## Dickering over letter on sale of Hercules

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Ford Administration and leading pro-Israeli Senators were considering yesterday whether to offer each side regarding the possible exchange of letters noting that the Administration was only considering the sale of six C-130 military transport planes to Egypt this year, and nothing else.

The feeling here is that such a letter exchange could avoid a big fight in the Congress regarding the six planes. The Administration is expected to submit its official letter of offer on the planes to Congress early next week, and under existing legislation, the Congress could block the sale by adopting concurrent resolutions in both houses.

Following Ford's meeting with American Jewish leaders on Wednesday, it became clear that the Administration was not going to reverse its decision on the planes, and would insist on making the deal a military sale. The President defended the decision strongly during the meeting, as did Secretary of State Kissinger, who also participated.

The Secretary is reported by sources present to have said that the sale was part of the process "to buy time."

Although the President was insistent on the C-130 deal, the Administration has changed its tactics already, no longer discussing the start of a U.S.-Egyptian "military supply relationship," as the programme was originally described. This was a minor victory for the pro-Israeli forces.

Although there were no indications yesterday that either side had accepted the principle of an exchange of letters, there were some private indications that both sides might be ready for such a compromise.

Egyptian President Sadat's abrogation of the Egyptian-Soviet treaty of friendship and cooperation was excellently timed in the sense that the Administration has been pointing to this development all week as a sign of a growing U.S. influence in Egypt.

By late last night, no clear compromise plan had been proposed by either side. Senators Clifford Case, Hubert Humphrey, Jacob Javits and Henry Jackson are leading the dissidents in the Senate in the plan deal with Egypt, and together with their senior aides, exchanging ideas with the Administration.

## Mother killed in tussle with her husband

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIBBUTZ HULIOT. — A mother of two, aged 28, was killed here yesterday when an M-16 rifle assigned by the army to her husband went off as the two quarrelled.

Members of the kibbutz who heard the shot rushed to the couple's quarters and found Shirley Kay, a Canadian immigrant, shot in the head. Her husband, David, formerly of England, said they had quarrelled for some time as she wanted to return to Canada while he insisted on remaining in Israel.

Shirley, husband said, grabbed the rifle during yesterday's quarrel and aimed it at him. He tried to wrest it from her and it accidentally went off.

Both Shirley and David immigrated to Israel in 1969. They met while studying together in ulpan, and became members of Kibbutz Huliot (also known as Sde Nehemia) two years ago. The couple has two daughters, aged five and 10 months. David was taken into police custody.

## Freak accident kills girl, 19

BEERSHEVA. — A 19-year-old girl was killed and four persons injured yesterday when a wheel flew off a moving truck and hit them. They were standing by the roadside.

The bizarre mishap occurred on the Beerseba-Dimona road. The girl, Hadassah Hajabi of Moshav Yachini, and the others were standing on the road's shoulders. They had been among the passengers of a bus which had had a flat tire, and were waiting for the driver to change the tire when the wheel came off the passing truck. (Itim)

## Kreisky in Jordan

AMMAN. — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky arrived here yesterday to confer with King Hussein and other Jordanian leaders about the Middle East conflict and relations between Austria and Jordan.

Kreisky, accompanied by Socialist leaders from West Germany, France, Italy and Sweden, was expected to assure the Jordanians that the Socialist International has no anti-Arab bias. The mission is trying to improve understanding between European Socialists and Arab states. He departs from Jordan today.

King Hussein returned to Amman yesterday from Teheran after official visits to the Philippines, Australia and Japan.

## Protection Money to the Arabs

A special report in The Jerusalem Post, starting next Tuesday, will expose American business pay-offs to the Arab boycott.



Lebanese President Franjeh, huddled in blankets, meets with members of the Christian Phalangist Party who returned from Damascus after talks with Syrian Government officials. (UPI telephoto)

## Emergency after Libya expels Egyptians

CAIRO. — The Egyptian Government has declared a state of emergency in two Western Desert towns to cope with a huge influx of Egyptians expelled from Libya. Cairo newspapers reported yesterday.

They said that about 21,600 Egyptian workers have been expelled in the past 10 days in retaliation for the arrest in Cairo of 27 Libyans in connection with a plot to kidnap two senior Libyan officials who have taken refuge in Egypt.

More than 5,000 Egyptians were forced out of Libya on Wednesday, the semi-official "Al-Ahram" reported.

It said the emergency was declared in the towns of Salum and Marsa Matruh and that relief was being sent to provide shelter, food, water and medical care for the refugees. Two trains and 80 buses were sent to Salum, on the border with Libya, to transfer the refugees to Alexandria.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy conferred with Ali al-Turki, Libya's representative at the Arab foreign ministers meeting held here. No details of the talks were released, but the expulsions are certain to have been discussed.

"Al-Ahram" newspaper said a big medical team was sent to Salum to treat people who have been injured. Some of the refugees have told reporters they had been arrested and assaulted in Libyan prisons before being forced across the border.

Major Omar Meheishi, one of the former members of the ruling Libyan military junta who was granted asylum in Egypt last month, and whose name was linked with an unsuccessful coup against Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, was quoted here yesterday as saying Libya's mass expulsion of Egyptians was aimed at forcing Cairo to hand him over to Libya.

Meheishi, in an interview with "Al-Gomhouria," said yesterday Colonel Gaddafi wanted him to be surrendered to the Libyan authorities and had used the expulsion of Egyptians as a lever.

Meheishi said in the interview that Colonel Gaddafi was "mentally deranged." He said, "at the age of 12 he fell off a camel. Since then he suffered nervous breakdowns and sudden fits in which he would tear up his clothes and destroy everything in his office."

Meheishi accused Gaddafi of trying to assassinate him 11 times when he fled to Tunisia and six times since his escape to Cairo. "He had even resorted to the German Mafia to do the job for him," the major was quoted as saying. Observers said he appeared to be referring to the Eader-Meinhof urban terrorist gang.

Meheishi added that the Soviet Union was exploiting both Gaddafi's "ignorance and ambitions... they are supplying him with weapons worth millions of dollars to offset their trade deficit."

## Karami to Damascus for talks on crisis

41 are killed in Lebanese clashes

By ANAN SAFADI  
Post Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Syria is putting the final touches to another of its schemes to settle the Lebanese crisis and is reported to have called ousted Premier Rashid Karami to Damascus. Two other leading Lebanese Muslim politicians have also been invited to join the talks to be held today. The Syrians are endeavouring to ease the deadlock between the crawling coup of General Ahdab and President Franjeh's frozen posture.

The Syrians had earlier conferred with representatives of the President, who has resisted Ahdab's demands that he quit. They have also spoken with other Lebanese Christian groups as well as with representatives of the army coup leaders and delegations from the various dissident camps, including the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Perhaps to show their goodwill as mediators, the Syrians have persuaded the Muslim-led troops, braced for an attack on the presidential palace to force Franjeh out of office, to hold back.

But there was plenty of other action.

Forty-one persons were killed and 37 wounded in night-long clashes between Muslim and Christian private armies in Beirut and north and east Lebanon, police said yesterday, according to AP.

## DEATH TOLL UP

The new figures brought the official casualty toll to 213 killed and 151 wounded since Brigadier Aziz Ahdab staged his military coup a week ago.

Mortar and rocket explosions kept much of Beirut's population awake throughout the night as leftist Muslim and right-wing Christian militiamen duelled in Beirut's once-luxurious hotel district. Similar duels flared in the suburbs and between the Muslim city of Tripoli, Premier Karami's home town 100 km. north of Beirut, and Franjeh's neighbouring home town of Zaharta, a police spokesman said.

"These clashes have not reached the proportion that may allow us to declare Lebanon's civil war has been resumed full-scale," the spokesman said. "Both sides are trying to keep the fighting under control pending the outcome of Syria's current mediation to resolve the crisis of the President's resignation."

## U.S.-ISRAEL BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. section of the American-Israeli Business Council met for the first time this week in Washington to discuss ways of promoting business ties between the United States and Israel.

The Council, chaired by former Michigan Governor George Romney and Israeli industrialist Mark Moisevic, was organized over the past two years, although there has not yet been a full plenary session. Treasury Secretary William Simon opened the U.S. section's meeting on Wednesday during a luncheon in Washington. Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz, other Israeli and American officials, and nearly 20 U.S. businessmen who sit on the Council participated.

They have been reports that some leading U.S. corporate executives had refused to sit on the Council out of fear of Arab boycott retaliation. Whereas the leaders of several of the largest U.S. corporations have agreed to sit on the

U.S.-Egyptian Business Council, the calibre of the American participants on the Israeli Council is lower.

In fact, most of the U.S. members of the Council are American Jewish businessmen, long time supporters of Israel. There are only a handful of non-Jewish members.

Thus, familiar American Jewish businessmen such as Elmer Winter, president of Manpower Incorporated and the American Jewish Committee, Lester Crown, president of the Henry Crown Company of Chicago and Lawrence Tisch, chairman of the Board of Loew's Corporation, are members of the U.S. section.

Non-Jewish members include Margaret Crosby, executive vice-president of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Lionel Grier, executive vice-president of Joseph Seagram Company, William Nicholson, vice-chairman of the Union Carbide Corporation, and Jesse Warner, chairman of the board G.A.F.

Observers here pointed out that the presidents of General Motors,

Ford, and other corporate giants sit on the Egyptian Council.

The first plenary session of the Council is now scheduled to take place in Israel in June.

There are currently 13 U.S. business councils with other nations.

## RUMOURS OF DM ADJUSTMENT

BRUSSELS. — The U.S. dollar lost ground on most European money markets yesterday as speculation aimed at the revaluation of the strong German mark wreaked havoc on exchanges. In Paris, "Le Monde," said that the present monetary crisis threatened "to become the most serious since the war."

In Frankfurt, the dollar hit its lowest level since July 25 when it dropped from Wednesday's close of 2.5470 marks to 2.5380. In Zurich it fell from 2.5445 francs to 2.5320, its lowest since July 1. (UPI)

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## Gvat-Yagur hoopsters win State Cup

By PAUL KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The kibbutzniks of Gvat and Yagur last night won the State Cup in basketball for the first time, outplaying Tel Aviv Hapoel 93-76 at the Yad Eliyahu Sports Palace here. Minister of Education Aharon Yadin presented the marionette trophy to the winners.

Gvat-Yagur Hapoel led from the start and were 38-33 at half time. It was the first time that Tel Aviv Maccabi did not appear in the cup final, being ousted by Gvat-Yagur in the semi-finals. It was also the first time that the State Cup was taken out of Tel Aviv.

Early in the game both teams suffered from nervousness, resulting in poor shooting. But the kibbutzniks settled down quicker and had a better team in depth. Veteran play-maker Itamar Marzel was the kingpin, rarely losing the ball. Ira Harari played the game of his life to emerge top scorer with 26 points; and 19-year-old Orr Goren was another outstanding young player, collecting 23 points.

The two-metre tall sharpshooter, Boaz Yanai, scored 18 points before leaving the court with a foul. It was his forceful play and early accuracy which gave his squad the confidence to win the cup. Another veteran player, Gabi Teicher, scored 17 points.

For Tel Aviv Hapoel Barry Leibowitz had his brilliant moments but lacked sufficient support to pull his squad through. The Tel Aviv players were at no time routed, but failed to produce the all-out teamwork to upset the Jezreel Valley hoopsters. Leibowitz scored 20 points, the other top scorers for Tel Aviv being Steve Waxman, 18, and Mark Torenstein, with 16 points.

## Killer's term upped from 14 years to life

A Bat Yam resident convicted of killing his brother-in-law had his sentence increased from 14 years to life imprisonment by the Supreme Court yesterday.

Both the accused, Ronnie Krantz, 26, and the prosecution appealed against the District Court verdict, which convicted Krantz of manslaughter. The Supreme Court ruled the killing was murder.

Krantz shot his wife's brother, Zion Murdoff, in a deserted side street in Ramat Gan in June 1974.

## Social and Personal

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday laid the cornerstone of Beit Knesset, the centre for Iranian Jews in Holon.

Inez Lowdermilk, leading a delegation of the California Christian Committee for Israel, yesterday participated in the dedication ceremony of a forest at Mount Turan in memory of her late husband, Professor Walter Clay Lowdermilk.

Haifa Labour Council secretary Elizer Molk will speak at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club on "Wage Policy Effects on the Economy," at the Zion Hotel, 1 p.m. today. Reservations by phone, 511593.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at Heichal Sholomo in Jerusalem at 8.45. Rabbi Alexander Carlebach and Binyamin Av-Leah of the Foreign Ministry will be the speakers. Zmitor: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow, with Haim Zohar as guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight at Ihud Shivat Zion, 56 Rehov Ben-Yehuda. Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Ya'acov Bar-Or, community leader, and Arye Chapman, Tour Ve'Alah.

American Mizrahi Women will hold a cocktail party and reception on behalf of the Golden Jubilee Medalion Fund at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hochstein, 16 Rehov Ibn Ezra, Jerusalem, on Wednesday, March 24, 1976, at 4 p.m.

## DEPARTURES

Social Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer, to London, to address the Mizrahi convention there (by El Al).

Meir Talim, Secretary-General of Mapam, to Paris, for a private visit.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Scattered showers. Outlook for Saturday: Rain.

Weather synops: Low over northwest Egypt, the east.

	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	59-77	64-84
Golan	52-65	4-14
Nahariya	66-80	7-18
Safed	60-75	7-12
Haifa	56-70	10-18
Tiberias	62-76	8-20
Nazareth	60-74	7-17
Afula	51-65	7-19
Shomron	43-57	7-15
Tel Aviv	51-65	10-18
B-G Airport	41-55	6-22
Jericho	38-52	8-22
Gaza	62-76	10-18
Beer Sheva	65-79	7-19
Eilat	19-33	12-25
Tirana	23-37	16-23

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## Weizman attacks 'midgets' in power

LONDON. — Ezer Weizman, in an interview being published today in the "Jewish Observer," attacks the "midgets" who he says are ruling Israel today.

The former Air Force commander and once-time transport minister declared, "There is a national masochism in Israel that can be stopped only by a leadership that takes decisions."

Weizman, who earlier this week announced his return to active politics on behalf of the Likud, is in London to lecture to the Zionist Federation and the Anglo-Israel Association. (JTA)

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Mark Segal adds:

Britain's Jewish community was furious over statements Weizman made in an earlier interview with "The Times." Leading figures described these statements as "rash," "trigger-happy" and "harmful to Israel." A prominent community member expressed the view shared by many that it was "silly to extend to Britain the internecine disputes now going on in Israel."

In particular, people took exception to one passage in the "Times" interview in which Weizman is reported to have said: "The country (Israel) is in a horrible mess, and personally I am far more worried about our internal affairs than I am about what the Arabs are doing, or whether Egypt buys transport planes from America."

Poale Zion, the British Labour Zionist movement, yesterday published a strong condemnation of Weizman's statements. "Such reckless statements," it was declared, "can only undermine Israel's position in the international arena and greatly harm the Zionist struggle to put across Israel's case to world public opinion."

Weizman's suggestion that whether Egypt buys transport planes from America is unimportant, the Poale Zion continued, "again undermines the efforts both in America and in this country to prevent Egypt and other Arab states who refuse to make peace with Israel from being supplied with weapons of war."

"The Times" quoted Weizman as saying: "What matters to Israel is the West Bank. We keep it. It is ours. It is essential for security. A good many Arabs live there. We sit down with them and say 'you run your own affairs, that's your business,' but the West Bank must be in association with Israel, not Jordan."

"The Times" describes Weizman as "one of the great swashbucklers of the Israeli Air Force."

## Eban: Israel should laud U.S.-Egypt rapprochement

TEL AVIV. — While expressing its reservations about the sale of American Hercules planes to Egypt, Israel should encourage U.S.-Egyptian rapprochement, Abba Eban, ME, said here yesterday.

The former foreign minister said the current shift in relations between Cairo and Washington constitutes a complex and complicated problem for Israel.

While we want the United States to continue maintaining the balance of power in our region, we must nevertheless approve of any effort by the U.S. to increase their influence in the Arab world and displace the Soviets, Eban said. Thus, while we openly protest the proposed sale of six C-130 transport planes to Egypt, we must fully support the fostering of any economic and technological ties between the Arabs and Washington.

Reviewing U.S.-Israel relations, Eban noted that during the past three years Israel received more military and economic aid from the U.S. than in all the 24 preceding years. The same is true of political support, Eban added. If, after this, so discordant an outcry has arisen from the current discussion of this subject — "it means that we have lost all sense of proportion."

When the relations between our best friend and ourselves are so positive, in all spheres, there can be no justification for the hysterical voiced on both sides of the Atlantic regarding the future of these ties, Eban said. (JTA)

## Labour resents 'threat' in Mapam's resolution

By SHAYLA SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour Party Secretary-General Meir Zarmi threatened yesterday that the "threatening tone" of Mapam's resolution to renegotiate the Alignment agreement irritated the party very much. He stressed that the party objected to "the division of certain key members in Mapam make of dovish and hawkish Labour members" — an obvious reference to Minister of Health Victor Shemtov, who hopes for a union between Labour's doves at the expense of Labour's hawks.

"I met Meir Talim, the Secretary-General of Mapam, before Mapam passed its resolutions; and there was no trace of an ultimatum in his suggestions. If Mapam wants to discuss problems and arrangements in a friendly way, they are welcome," Zarmi said.

It is understood that the hard line in Mapam was taken by the Political Committee on Wednesday under pressure of left-wing leaders, with Shemtov as a prominent exponent. Ya'acov Hazan, the veteran of Hashomer Hatzair, advised moderation, but he was in the minority and did not attend the committee's final session.

Shemtov's idea was that Mapam could gain the support of all the Zionist-Socialists left of centre, including Labour members who feel their rights are thwarted by Labour's "rightists." (Leader page 10)

## Poher visits Ben-Gurion's home at Sde Boker

Jerusalem Post Staff

French Senate Speaker Alain Poher, accompanied by Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Mordechai and Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner, yesterday visited Yad Vashem, where the French dignitary lit a memorial candle.

Poher then flew to Sde Boker, visiting the hut in which David Ben-Gurion lived and the Sde Boker College. He later opened a new student hostel at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheva, on behalf of the French Friends of the University.

The French Senate Speaker declined to comment on the situation in Lebanon, saying his visit here was not of a political nature. He merely expressed hope the factions there would come to terms with each other. Poher also declined to comment on Iraq's execution of Alexander Ahrabadzian, a Frenchman, beyond saying that he trusted "human rights would one day be respected in all countries."

However, Poher said he would continue his activities on behalf of Jews in Arab lands.

On Monday Poher is scheduled to be the guest of the Knesset. He will be luncheon guest of Speaker Yehayahu, will attend the plenum and will address the members at a reception in Chagall Hall, though one member proposed inviting Poher to address the plenum, this was turned down by the House Committee, since that privilege has been reserved for heads of state.

The Knesset, in the past, was addressed in the plenum by the President of Iceland, the President of Malawi and the President of the UN General Assembly.

## Atomic power enthusiasts must prove case—environmentalist

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "Environmental specialists must point out the possible hazards from nuclear power stations. It is up to the nuclear engineers to prove they are unfounded, and not to stampede us into building atomic stations whose long-term effects we do not know enough about," according to Professor Dr. Hans Klemstedt, a landscape and environment specialist from the Technical University of Berlin.

Klemstedt also challenges the claim that atomic power is the only alternative to oil, and holds that many of the planned A-stations are probably unnecessary.

Dr. Klemstedt has spent a fortnight at the Technion working on a joint project for outdoor recreation planning models, and also lectured on the environmental aspects of nuclear power plants.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post he noted that the oil crisis had panicked politicians who fear unemployment, and this had created the big demand for N-stations "as though they were the only alternative to oil to save economic growth." West Germany alone, which already has 16 N-stations, is planning a further 24 by 1985, and as the Swiss and Dutch are also rushing into N-power, all to be built along the Rhine, "there will be one plant every 20 kms. between Basel and Rotterdam."

Though in Israel the mooted N-plant would be cooled by sea water with no cooling towers, "you too should take a close look at possible effects under certain weather conditions." He had also found that the experts simply did not have sufficient information to lay down N-plant regulations with sufficient long-term safety margins.

Dr. Klemstedt holds very strongly that "there are other alternatives to oil to fuel economic growth. But the N-power advocates have convinced politicians and the public that theirs is the only alternative. I feel it is irresponsible to commit ourselves so deeply to N-power through heavy investments in N-plants."

Available alternatives, he said, included coal and solar energy, which can be developed to provide tremendous amounts of pollution-free energy. Furthermore, tremendous saving could be effected through raising the efficiency of energy use and industrial processes. "It has been shown that very many jobs could be created for the development of insulating materials and more efficient energy consuming equipment, which themselves could spur economic growth," he said.

The rush into N-power should be slowed down for a level-headed study of all potential long-term hazards and alternatives, Prof. Klemstedt feels.



U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger meeting with Likud leader Menachem Begin at the State Department Wednesday. (UPI/Telephone)

## Begin asks Ford to join European nations in fight for Soviet Jews

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — During his recent visit to the U.S., Menachem Begin, ME, asked Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to suggest to President Ford that the United States coordinate its efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry with the European countries.

Begin told reporters on his return yesterday from a Bonds mission to the U.S. that he hoped Washington would associate itself with the Strasbourg decision taken by the Parliament of Europe in December, calling on all member states to take steps on behalf of Russian Jews trying to emigrate. Kissinger said he would discuss the possibility with European leaders when he goes to Brussels soon for talks on Nato.

Begin added that while visiting the U.S. earlier as a member of the Knesset delegation he had handed President Ford a list of 40 prisoners of Zion to which Ford promised to attend. To date the American President has not approached the Kremlin on this matter, Begin said.

In answer to a reporter's question as to whether he had been involved, during his current visit, in raising funds for his Herut party, the opposition leader said: "I can say that the friends of the Herut Movement continue to support it."

## Israel Prizes for Baer, Mani

The 1976 Israel Prize for Arabic Linguistics and Oriental Studies will be awarded to Prof. Gabriel Baer and Sgan-Ahuf Ezra Mani, the Education Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. The ceremony will take place on Independence Day.

Baer, professor of the history of Muslim countries at the Hebrew University, completed his studies at



S/A Mani and Prof. Baer

the university where he has been teaching since 1954. In 1967 he was appointed head of the Institute for African and Asian Studies.

The Israel Prize goes to Prof. Baer for his important research into the socio-economic history of the Middle East, especially modern Egypt. Sgan-Ahuf Mani is to be awarded the prize for his significant contribution to Arabic lexicography.

Sgan-Ahuf Mani is an intelligence officer in the Israel Defence Forces. Over the past two decades he has developed and translated lexicons of Arabic military terms which have recently been computerized to facilitate bringing them up to date. The lexicons are considered extremely useful tools in intelligence work.

## New student leader is Herut activist

TEL AVIV. — The National Student Union has a new chairman. He is 26-year-old David Bergman, a graduate history student from Tel Aviv University.

Bergman was formerly head of the Student Union on the Ramat Aviv campus and is active in Young Herut circles.

He was elected by representatives of all of the country's institutions of higher learning in Jerusalem yesterday.

## Margaret Thatcher arriving Sunday

The Foreign Ministry confirmed yesterday that Margaret Thatcher, head of the British Conservative Party, will make a three-day visit to Israel starting Sunday.

Mrs. Thatcher's crowded schedule will include visits to the Golan Heights, Israel Aircraft Industries, and talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

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## Egged: IL200,000 lost every day in Jerusalem

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged claims it is losing about IL200,000 every day on its urban lines in Jerusalem. In Holon the losses are reported at IL70,000 a day. The Haila lines are also unprofitable, but the bus cooperative does not have exact figures.

The only profitable lines are the interurban runs, Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor yesterday told The Jerusalem Post.

Egged officials were not willing to comment on why the Dan bus cooperative — which serves the Greater Tel Aviv area — manages to remain profitable. Dan officials also refused to comment, probably because they are conducting merger talks with Egged.

It was Egged that Egged officials — now negotiating with the Ministry of Transport on new bus fares — do not want the prices of profitable lines such as Beersheba-Tel Aviv, to be increased, while they want fares of unprofitable lines to be increased at least 100 per cent. It is believed that the ministry will oppose this and not agree to a greater increase than 30 per cent.

Among the "austerity steps" taken by Egged on February 28 was stop driving into Arava settlements — waiting on the main road passengers. The Ministry of Transport ordered them to continue driving into the villages. It has been reported that Egged has not renewed this service.

Another "austerity step" was firing of 450 salaried workers. It was done not in accordance with Histadrut rules. The Histadrut called on Egged to rehire the workers, but Egged has refused.

Meanwhile, Dan yesterday awarded 250 prizes to outstanding drivers and workers. The prizes were judged by the following criteria — not being involved in accidents, not missing a work, no complaints against them, willingness to work extra hours on short notice.

Minister of Transport Gad Yacob told the bus cooperative members that the way they treat their passengers would either break them or make them the forerunner in improving service to the public.

## 'Triple-header' in rugby at Kfar Blum Saturday

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's first rugby "triple-header" takes place tomorrow at Kfar Blum, in Upper Galilee.

The programme starts at 11 a.m. when the Israel Rugby Football Union (IRFU) holds its first XV-A side junior match for youngsters of under 18. The two teams will be made up of players from the Tel Aviv area, most of them sabras.

This will be followed by an all-kibbutz fixture, with a combined Kfar Blum-Malkiya side facing a Baram-Mevo Hama XV. Again, many sabras are included in the two line-ups.

Main fixture of the rugby festival is a game between teams selected by the IRFU's newly formed northern and central sections (off 1.30 p.m.). The latter consist of members of the Holon, Tel Aviv University and Ha'agen clubs. Northern teams include players from Haifa and Tiberias and some dozen kibbutzim, among them Hama, Rosh Hanikra and Tel Aviv. Meanwhile, the IRFU is setting a supporters' association in Africa, with many prominent personalities in the game offering backing to the fledgling organization. Union president Jack Yacob told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that he had just back from a visit to South Africa, reported that other of the republic's top teams would probably play in later this year, following the successful visit here of Currie.

## Allon to visit U.S. in May

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will visit the U.S. in May, to address a meeting of the American-Israeli Public Relations Committee, according to a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

Allon's visit will last a week, during which he will also speak at United Jewish Appeal gatherings. Observers said last night it was more than likely he will also meet with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger — however, no such meeting has been scheduled.

## Raphael sees imposed solution

TEL AVIV. — The big powers would come up with an imposed solution for the Middle East conflict "within a year," Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Raphael told the NRP Executive last night.

He said there was little chance of the U.S. obtaining Arab agreement to end-of-belligerence, or for reconvening the Geneva peace conference, and urged the Government to launch an intensive information campaign to explain the real issues and make its stand understood.

## The Embassy of Guatemala

wishes to bring to the attention of those who are concerned to know that the two Guatemalan harbours, Port Santo Tomás de Castilla on the Atlantic coast and Port San José on the Pacific coast, are in perfect condition and are operating normally after the earthquake on February 4, 1976.

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## RUGBY

The Israel Rugby Football Union announces the annual Dudi Silbowitz Memorial Seven-a-Side Tournament to take place at Kibbutz Yitzre'el, on Saturday, March 27. The public is cordially invited.

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# Hospital expansion continues despite budget cuts — Shemtov

Jerusalem Post Knesset Staff  
Health Minister Victor Shemtov said the Knesset yesterday that, despite budget cuts, hospital expansion would continue. Surveying the work of his ministry over the past year, Shemtov said the long-planned Tel Aviv hospital, which would add 600 beds to the Greater Tel Aviv area, was to open in mid-1977. Two psychiatric hospitals — Tirat Carmel, with 400 beds, and Beersheba, with 400 beds — are due to open in 1977.

Construction at present, including above, will provide around 100 beds, of which 74 per cent in general hospitals, 16 per cent in psychiatric hospitals and over 10 per cent in institutions for chronic patients.

Shemtov said the present ministry was to put increasing emphasis on care in the local community and preventive medicine, to cut down pressure on the hospitals.

Patients should be provided with comprehensive medical help in their neighbourhoods, the minister said. They could get more effective and more efficient treatment closer to home, and the country could save great deal of money, he believed. View of the high cost these days constructing hospitals and keeping them up.

The neighbourhood treatment units would only work, Shemtov said, if the country already had a good medical service in a hospital bed. However, hospitals are still short. The ratio of hospital beds to population in Israel is low — a mere 3.3 per thousand. Some of the older Government hospitals urgently need replacement. Three thousand beds in seven hospitals are still in wooden barracks which are over 20 years old. Shemtov noted that maternity hospitals had become inadequate in number, with the increase in the birth rate. The Barzilai Medical Centre for new-born infants in Ashdod had 197 per cent occupancy; the Hashomer maternity wards had 150 per cent occupancy.

Nurses training was providing graduates, the minister said. In 1975, 870 would graduate and in 1976, 1,000. Shemtov said that annually in years to come, two hundred practical nurses would get certificates each year, and girl nurse-soldiers would be attached to hospitals this year.

All the nursing schools were full, he said, so staff would be available for the new hospitals. The minister said that family-nursing programmes among Israeli

Arabs had been instituted for the first time recently and had proven highly successful. Israel's Arabs already had 117 mother-and-child centres operating, and Arab schools were getting health services for pupils in increasing numbers.

In East Jerusalem, he announced, a new health centre in Wadi Jos would provide services for local residents. The ministry will help subsidize salaries for East Jerusalem medical students who are finishing medical school abroad to take their year's internship in East Jerusalem hospitals.

Government health services in Judea and Samaria encompass 148 doctors, 448 nurses, 922 general beds, 180 clinics and 29 mother-and-child centres, he said.

Shemtov attacked the World Health Organization for its charges that Israel had lowered health standards in the occupied areas. The contrary was true, he said.

In the debate on the minister's survey, Moshe Mizrachi (Likud) complained that, while the Defence Ministry's budget for next year has been raised to meet the 25 per cent price level increase anticipated for the year, the allocation for health services has been reduced by 11.5 per cent.

Chaim Givon (Alignment) noted that the number of hospital beds per thousand population in Israel is half that in developed countries.

Jacques Amir (Alignment) called on Minister Shemtov to order completion of the Dimona hospital, whose construction was halted several years ago. He noted that with the recent destruction by fire of the maternity wing of the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba, Negev women have no maternity facilities left.

Leon Ditzian (Likud-Liberals) asked for a review of health services available in a time of general emergency, "at a time when there is danger of mass casualties." He also asked why the level of health services in Israel lags behind that of Europe, when the per-capita expenditure on health is higher here than on the Continent.

Alkiva Nof (Likud-Free Centre) said two-thirds of the samples taken of fresh fruits in a recent experiment showed residues of pesticides, and 15 out of 16 milk samples contained poisonous substances. Similarly, two-thirds of the wheat samples examined were found to have been polluted. What's more, crop sprays banned in the U.S. as being a cause of certain types of cancer are still permitted in

Israel, and the level of toxic substances in Israeli food is in many cases above that allowed by the standards of the World Health Organization.

The H.P.'s Hillel Zeidel proposed the establishment of a public council of doctors and Health Ministry workers whose aim would be to dissuade medical school graduates from emigrating, and encourage young MDs to come back home.

Yedidya Ben-Zvi of the Likud called for more emphasis on preventive medicine and environmental protection than on curative medicine. He cited the case of a herd of sheep and cattle allegedly being maintained illegally in Kiryat Bialik and grazing on land belonging to the State Lands Administration. Nothing is being done to remove this nuisance, he said, despite reports by the local doctor and the regional sanitary engineer that the herds constitute a public hazard, a dangerous source of disease for residents of Kiryat Bialik.

Boss Moshe (CRM) attacked Shemtov and Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz for neglecting to push for passage of the National Health Insurance Law.

Meir Cohen (Likud) charged that the Health Ministry is not prepared to treat the growing number of geriatric patients and the chronically ill in Israel.

## 3,890 million inhabitants on earth in 1974

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The world had 3,890 million inhabitants in 1974, according to the latest issue of the UN's "Demographic Yearbook." Two-thirds live in Asia or Africa.

Six of the nine most populous countries in the world are in Asia (China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Bangladesh and Pakistan). One is in Europe (the Soviet Union), one in North America (the United States) and one in South America (Brazil). The tenth most populated country is West Germany.

Only Sweden reports less than 10 deaths per 1,000 live births. That country also enjoys the greatest longevity. The life expectancy of a female infant in Sweden is 78 years; of a male, 72.

Fourteen countries offer more than 75 years for the female — mostly the industrialized states, but including Puerto Rico and Hongkong. Eight countries offer more than 70 for the male.

Out of the 48 countries into which Africa is divided, 38 (80 per cent of the total) offer a life expectancy of less than 50 years for the male. In 19 of them, the average male will not live past 40.

## Death tax eased

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter  
Death duties have been eased, to allow for inflation. New regulations introduced at the beginning of this year (the first change in 11 years) have now been published in detail. They apply to legacies of persons who died after March 31, 1975.

The flat of the deceased person is exempt from duty up to a value of IL150,000, instead of IL50,000 as previously. This waiver applies only if the legacy is less than IL450,000. (Formerly the ceiling was IL150,000.)

Type of deduction	Previously	Now
General	10,000	80,000
For spouse	25,000	100,000
For each child under 22	15,000	60,000
For each child over 22	10,000	40,000
Addition for disabled child	17,500	60,000
Addition for disabled child over 22	22,500	80,000
Dependent parent	5,000	20,000
Non-dependent parent (if deceased childless)	10,000	40,000

The tax brackets are changed as follows:

Tax Rate	Previously	Now
0	Up to 35,000	Up to 105,000
5	35,000—70,000	105,000—210,000
10	70,000—110,000	210,000—330,000
15	110,000—155,000	330,000—465,000
20	155,000—200,000	465,000—600,000
25	200,000—250,000	600,000—750,000
30	250,000—300,000	750,000—900,000
35	300,000—400,000	900,000—1.2m.
40	400,000—600,000	1.2m.—1.5m.
45	600,000—750,000	1.5m.—2.25m.
50	750,000—1m.	2.25m.—3m.
55	Over 1m.	Over 3m.
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## Haifa borrows generator from Ashdod's crane

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA — The Ports Authority today will dismantle and transfer the generator of the idle container crane in Ashdod to Haifa port. Because the Ashdod workshop men object to the transfer, the authority obtained a court injunction yesterday banning interference with the transfer.

Haifa's crane was immobilized when its generator burned out last week. As a result, two ships were forced to unload their imported containers in Piraeus, adding thousands of dollars to the freight bill.

The Ashdod men refused to unload the ships with their crane — idle ever since it was completed about a year ago — because of unsettled differences with management over work conditions.

In Eilat Port — which is also not servicing container ships because of a labour dispute — all external tenders for development work have been frozen, according to a decision taken by the Ports Authority in special session yesterday.

The measure, taken at a meeting which took note of the heavy damage the dispute was causing, was one of several adopted in an effort to induce striking workers to return to their jobs.

The Eilat port workers are demanding lower norms for handling containers than those in force at Haifa and Ashdod Ports.

## New reservoir in Arava weathers first storm

By ZEEV SCHUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV — Makorot's newest and southernmost rain catchment reservoir has successfully weathered its first storm, Mordechai Yacobi, spokesman for the national water company, said yesterday.

Built at Nahal Nikrot, in the Eilat-Yahav area of the Arava (south of the Dead Sea), the dam's "first catch of the season" — during the flash floods in the Negev a few days ago — contained over half a million cubic metres of water. This water will either be pumped or permitted to percolate into the underground water tables of the Eilat-Yahav-Hatzeva areas, the spokesman said.

The reservoir, completed during the past month, can contain up to four million cubic metres of water. It is intended to trap flash floods in the Arava watershed area — especially the central Negev mountains — rechanneling the torrents which used to cascade down the

Arava and spill, wasted into the Dead Sea. The floods often inflicted serious damage in the potash works area, especially to the salt evaporation pan and the plant area.

However, the reservoir will stop a source of water for the Dead Sea, already reported at one of its lowest points in human memory. There is talk of digging a channel past the "longue" halfway up the sea, to ensure a supply of the mineral-rich waters to the southern evaporation pans. There is also talk of speeding up plans to pipe water from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea area to raise the level to normal.

Meanwhile, the latest readings of Lake Kinneret show the level to be still some 1.5 metres below optimal — or a deficit of some 200 million cubic metres. This year's storage deficit will probably range between 150 and 175 million cubic metres, it was reported. This will be the second year in succession that the Kinneret will contain less than the optimal quantity.

## Rise in most crimes in North last year

By YOEL DAE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA — Increases in most crimes last year in the North — threats against life and property up 98 per cent, fraud up 75 per cent, possession of narcotics up 60 per cent, and crimes against property up 44 per cent — were reported yesterday. Robberies jumped from 96 in 1974 to 138 last year.

There was only a decline in murders, according to the Northern District commander, Nitzan Shimon Shaleh, and senior investigating officer Nitzan-Mishne Sassoon. They reported the statistics to local council heads at the police national training base at Shufaram.

They attributed much of the increase to the current police policy to act on complaints instead of suggesting that the individual file private criminal complaints with the courts.

They also reported an increase of about 45 per cent in successful police investigations last year. Investigated were 20 murders (Nine less than in 1974), and 16 were solved. Investigation is continuing in the four unsolved murders, including the killings of Yitzhak Aboodi of Migdal, Michael and Mordechai Reznik, the night watchman of the Kitan textile works at Upper Nazareth.

They reported that crime increased in 1975 beyond the Green Line — in Samaria by 62 per cent and on the Golan by 37 per cent.

Nitzan Shaleh added that security forces thwarted many terrorist attempts to commit murder in the North last year. Only two were successful — at Kfar Yuzval and at Ramat Maghazim, he said. In the other attempts, the assailants were either killed or captured.

## Religious ministers attacked on abortion bill issue

By AARON SFTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The three religious Cabinet Ministers — Yosef Burg, Yitzhak Rabin and Zeev Elkin — came under sharp attack from a religious Member of Knesset yesterday for failing to threaten a break of the Coalition over the new abortion bill.

Speaking during a House debate of the Health Ministry's draft, Avraham Verdiger (Torat) declared, "The sponsors of a despicable law, which permits abortion on demand, are underlining the Law of Moses and are killing the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill'."

The Government is guilty of taking a firm stand against proposed law, and the three cabinet Ministers from the Na-

tional Religious Party, noting the weakness of the Government Coalition, should have threatened to resign in face of the repeated violation (by the Government) of the religious status quo and the constant erosion of the moral foundations of the Jewish People."

If the abortion bill is adopted, Verdiger warned, the image of the State of Israel will be badly tarnished, and prospects of large immigration will be wiped out.

Pinhas Shulamit of the NRP decried the fact that "the Health Minister remains silent on the abortion issue although he knows the truth — that medical opinion holds that every abortion performed on a woman weakens her, and that in the final analysis terminating pregnancies and other means of family planning, will undermine the state by reducing internal ally."

## NRP seeking economies to save its newspaper

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The National Religious Party has appointed a top-level committee to propose plans for cutting staff in the party's local and world organizations, one of the intentions being to save money which can be diverted to the budget of the NRP daily newspaper, "Hatzofeh."

The "Hatzofeh" staff received its January salaries only on the eve of Purim, after a week in which the journalists put out a small-size newspaper to protest salary delays occurring intermittently over the past 12 months.

Five members of the "Hatzofeh" staff have applied to a labour court to complain against delays in salary payments this year. The staff has not been told when it can expect its February salaries.

At a meeting between the staff committee and the NRP leadership, the committee suggested that the party could save money by eliminating duplicate functions in the local organization as well as in World Mizrahi. A total of 400 paid officials are said to be employed in the local headquarters at the "Ezer" building in Tel Aviv, and at the world headquarters in Jerusalem. Many functions are carried out jointly and redundantly by officials from different wings of the NRP.

The "Hatzofeh" staff committee complained to the NRP leadership that the 400 party officials manage to get their pay on time because they exert influence on the treasurer's department.

## Robbery gang convicted

TEL AVIV — A gang of seven men were convicted of a series of robberies yesterday, but the District Court postponed sentencing until it receives probation reports for three who were minors (under 21) when the crimes were committed.

The seven were Gavriel Buzaglo, 21, of Netanya; Aryeh Ohana, 22, of Ramle; Yehuda Baradai, 23, of Ra'anana; Moshe Bolron, 23, of Herzliya; Rafael Sassy, 31, of Ra'anana; Nahum Besser, 27, of Petah Tikva; and Michael Haimi, 20, of Ra'anana.

It took the judges two hours to read out the 78-page ruling, convicting the seven on 16 counts of robbery. The judgment was based on testimony by two state witnesses — Aryeh Haimi, who took part in some of the robberies, and Naomi Katriel, a Yom Kippur War widow, who admitted that the gang's weapons — and at times some of its members — were hidden in her house.

The robberies took place between September 1974 and April 1975.

**U.S. CITIZENS**  
In yesterday's article on U.S. citizens in Israel voting for Democratic Convention delegation, the full address of the chairman of the local office of the Democratic National Committee was omitted. Registration can be done through Dr. Miron Shekkin, P.O.B. 16125, Jerusalem.

**CHESS PROBLEM**  
Chess Problem No. 2700 by Dr. Yehuda Gruengard, which appears in today's Magazine is a *Perpetum Mobile* — i.e., after every first move by White there is a new problem of mate in two moves. This process repeats itself several times. Solvers are requested to find all the key moves until these begin to repeat themselves.

## Reserve duty will be cut by half — Gur

Reserve duty will be cut by 50 per cent in the coming year — but so will some of the services provided to soldiers — the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, said yesterday.

Budget cuts will cause reduction of flights to and from leave, food and clothing supplies and entertainment, he told graduates of a staff officers course. The senior command must serve as an example. "We cannot live on the same standard as we have in the past," he said, "with regard to meals, parties, travel and many other everyday items."

The Chief of Staff also said the National Security College will begin to operate next year.

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Registration in the departments of EDUCATION and SOCIAL WORK will close on May 21, 1976.

TRANSLATION and INTERPRETATION will close on July 30, 1976.

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## MK enters the fray against Rotarian Nazi

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Hillel Seidel, the Independent Liberal MK who has criticized the candidacy of Austrian Wolfgang Wick as president of Rotary International because of Wick's Nazi antecedents, said yesterday that claims by a friend that Wick had saved Jews were immaterial to the Rotary post candidacy.

Bernhard Mayer, the Swiss Jew who dedicated a building at the Weizmann Institute this week, said that Wick had saved the lives of 80 Jewish families during the Holocaust.

Seidel said he had heard many cases of known Nazis who had aided Jews. If Mayer's claims about Wick, his friend, were true, that was a point in Wick's favour; but other points were against, and these disqualified him for a representative international post.

## Foreigner wins golfing event

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter  
CAESAREA — Christian Carl of Zurich yesterday became the first foreign competitor in the golf festival here to win an event when he scored in the Aggregate Stableford Competition and Judo Cup, together with Cy Alpert of Netanya, 66 points.

In second place were Miriam Cohen of Haifa and Rahamim Sofer of Or Akiva, with 64 points.

Today, the festival's individual championship for the Jerusalem Trophy will take place, and tomorrow the final Better Ball Stableford competition.

On Wednesday Meir Maor of Hadera won the EL Al seniors trophy for golfers over the age of 50 with 38 points. Fete Dons of Herzliya Pithus was in second place among the 61 golfers with 37 points.

## MK says some pensioners are being cheated

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
The Treasury is paying pensioners who were employed in the civil service of the British Mandate before 1948 only half of what they are entitled to receive, according to MK Leon Ditzian (Likud-Liberals).

Demanding an urgent session of the Knesset Labour Committee (in charge of pension affairs), Ditzian this week said the Finance Committee had already decided officially that such pensioners should receive pensions calculated on basic wage plus cost-of-living increment. Yet, despite that, the Treasury was still refusing to take the cost-of-living increment into the calculations; and this meant the senior citizens were being cheated out of half their pensions, he charged.

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## Austerity measures to restore order in Europe money market

LONDON. — European governments yesterday fought back hard against currency market speculation — and there were signs they were beginning to turn the tide.

Besides heavy central bank intervention, they were using the weapons of bank rate increases and restrictions on currency movements in an attempt to subdue the chaos of the past few weeks.

Italy, whose lira has plunged more steeply than any other European currency, took stiff austerity measures aimed at stabilisation as Premier Aldo Moro's Christian Democrat party yesterday opened a national congress expected to determine the future role of the Communists.

Moro consulted publicly with Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer before adopting the austerity package on Wednesday in a move signalling the rising power of the Marxists in this Nato nation.

While the lira benefited slightly, higher taxes on petrol and cars and credit curbs drew criticism from both industry and labour. About 20,000 workers struck two hours in protest at Milan's state-owned car maker Alfa Romeo. Trade union officials said they were planning a four-hour nationwide general strike for next week.

The lira closed at 875 for one dollar, against 880 Wednesday. After having watched the lira lose five per cent of its value during a few hours trading Wednesday the Rome government announced a massive hike in the bank rate, from eight to twelve per cent, in an attempt to encourage savings and drastically reduce consumption.

Observers said a four-point rise in the bank rate was unprecedented. The new rate is a full 100 per cent higher than that six weeks ago, a

dramatic indication of the dire straits in which Italy now finds itself.

Both Belgium and Denmark — two other countries whose currencies are in trouble — raised their bank rates by one percentage point on Wednesday. Yesterday Belgium followed up by compelling banks to deposit a fixed percentage of their new funds in government securities.

The European joint currency float — on the verge of disintegration on Wednesday — remained under severe strain. The float system permits member currencies to move within margins of no more than 2.25 per cent against each other, while the group floats together against the dollar and other currencies.

The Danish crown and Belgian franc remained hard pressed at the floor of the float system because of their loss of value against the most powerful member, the West German mark.

In Paris yesterday, a spokesman for French President Giscard d'Estaing pointed to the continuing upheavals on the exchange markets as a justification for the French franc's withdrawal from the float on Monday.

Yesterday, the French franc was weaker at 4.7150 to the dollar compared with 4.6850 Wednesday night — but there was little trading in the French currency.

Meanwhile, West Germany's determined resistance to this week's heavy market pressure for a revaluation of the mark showed the first modest signs of success.

The rush to buy marks continued on the foreign exchange markets despite firm official denials by the Bonn government and the German central bank of any impending revaluation. (Reuters, AP)

Bundestag member says:

## Europe should encourage Israel-Arab projects

By BRIAN ARTHUR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Bundestag Deputy Heinz Westphal has made a plea for European assistance for regional co-operation between Israel and the Arabs. In an interview with the newspaper "Frankfurter Rundschau" yesterday, Westphal says he has the impression that Israel officials are willing to consider concrete co-operation projects.

Westphal, who is head of the German-Israel Society, returned recently from Israel, where he had discussions with Foreign Ministry officials. He said such co-operation could not distract from the problems of a Middle East peace settlement, but might make a settlement easier.

Past wars show, he said, that Israel and the Arabs already have tacit understandings to spare certain key economic facilities from destruction, such as the ports at Eilat and Aqaba, and the oil pipe from Iraq.

The German politician derives a certain optimism from these examples that European-sponsored co-operation between both parties in the Middle East would have a chance for success.

Westphal believes, however, that West German industry must make a special effort to help Israel. He insists that Arab boycott threats should not discourage German businessmen. "The German economy is strong enough to withstand such threats," he comments.



## Soviets criticize Ford for giving up 'detente'

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union finally made plain yesterday that it disapproves of President Ford's decision to talk of "peace through strength," instead of detente.

Seventeen days after Ford announced the change, the Soviet foreign affairs weekly "New Times" asked in an editorial if there was really any difference between the new formula and "policy from a position of strength" — a stance Soviet commentators frequently condemn.

"Surely it has not brought the authors of this concept anything except flops and failures like the defeat of the aggressors in Indochina," it said.

Without actually mentioning Ford by name, the editorial warned that those who made strength the sole basis for international relations doomed themselves to chasing after an illusory dominance.

"The Soviet Union suggests something else — peace through equal security, in other words, through detente (which itself is based precisely on the recognition of atomic, military parity)..." it declared. (Reuters)

## Rockwell lists more Pentagon guests

WASHINGTON. — Rockwell International Corporation, a key U.S. defence contractor, on Wednesday released a list of 44 more Pentagon employees, including former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Thomas Moorer, who accepted trips to the firm's recreation facilities.

Rockwell said Moorer was one of several dozen military officials who accepted at least one trip to Rockwell's Wye Island hunting camp in eastern Maryland between 1972 and 1976.

SHIPS queue up at the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal as a strike clogged traffic through the 80 kms. channel. The 700 employees are protesting against proposed job cutbacks and a wage freeze. (UPI)

## Frank Church in presidential bid



Frank Church, on his visit to Israel in 1972.

IDAHO CITY, Idaho. — Sen. Frank Church entered the Democratic presidential race yesterday and said if elected he would put an end to a "leadership of weakness and fear."

Church, 51, rejected suggestions that it was too late for him to enter the race, even though he has missed the first five primaries, which have narrowed the field to Jimmy Carter, Henry Jackson, George Wallace and Morris Udall.

Church has said he would not become a candidate until the Senate Intelligence Committee, which he chaired, completes its inquiry into the CIA. The committee is now in the final stages of drafting its report. (UPI)

## China raps USSR for imperialism on the high seas

TOKYO. — China said yesterday that many developing countries will renew their struggles against "maritime hegemonism" of the Soviet Union at a meeting of the third UN conference on the Law of the Sea. The meeting opened on Monday at the UN.

"The stubborn stand of the Soviet social-imperialism in the defence of its maritime hegemony has been completely laid bare and condemned by many countries of the Third World," said a Hsinhua News Agency article monitored in Tokyo.

"In order to contend for world hegemony and maritime resources with the other superpower," the article said the Soviet Union "had looked upon the scramble for seas and oceans as an important component part of its global strategy."

The Soviet Union has "rapidly built up and expanded a huge naval force and tried to establish military bases everywhere... it dispatches powerful 'fishing fleets' to engage in unbridled plunder of the coastal fish and seabed resources of other countries." (AP)

## Separation for Margaret, Snowdon

LONDON. — Queen Elizabeth and her lawyers have drawn up a plan for a legal separation for Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, who are now studying the proposals, Buckingham Palace sources said yesterday. (UPI)

COMPLAINT. — French Premier Jacques Chirac yesterday blasted what he termed "uncalled for" American intervention in French internal affairs as U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Rush met with Socialist leader Francois Mitterand, reportedly for the third time in 18 months. (UPI)

## Around the world

### Car-bomb kills two in Ulster

BELFAST. — A car bomb blew up outside a pub in Duncannon, Northern Ireland, on Wednesday night, killing two persons and injuring 47 others. The victims were Roman Catholics celebrating Patrick's Day, and the bomb is believed to have been set by terrorists.

In London, meanwhile, 1,000 policemen were assigned to ride underground trains, to foil bomb attacks by the Irish Republican Army, which already has set three bombs in the tubes.

### Bid to kill Peron foiled

BUENOS AIRES. — An attempt on the life of President Isabel Peron was foiled by the police yesterday when they saw two persons place a bomb near her office just as Mrs. Peron was arriving by helicopter from her suburban residence, government sources said.

The two suspects fled when they saw the police. Security forces later reported that a powerful explosive was concealed inside a parcel.

Bombs exploded in at least seven Argentine cities on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the discovery of two bullet-riddled bodies raised this week's death toll in political violence to 18. Official sources blamed the bombings, at the homes and offices of local political and union leaders, on Montonero guerrillas, a leftist group that once supported the late President Juan Peron but which is hostile to the administration of his widow.

### Nato employees stage strike

BRUSSELS. — Nato's 1,200 civilian employees held a one-day strike yesterday for the first time in the Western alliance's 26-year history. They were demanding higher salaries because of increases in the cost of living.

Informed sources said the demonstration did not affect Nato security because the staff had turned up at headquarters and would be available to work in an emergency. (Reuters)

### First food in two weeks

MANILA. — Two men trapped for 14 days in the flooded tunnel of a gold mine in the southern Philippines yesterday received their first food — in plastic bottles lowered down an emergency air shaft. Rescue workers sent hard-boiled eggs, bananas and chicken soup to the 65-metre shaft to the miners, cut off on March 4 when rain caused the collapse of a ventilation shaft.

Rescue workers hope to reach the men by Sunday. In all five miners were trapped underground at Placer Town, 10 kms. southeast of here, but three apparently drowned during the rescue. (Reuters)

### \$1.4m. for Rosensaft's Gauguin

NEW YORK. — A record \$1.4m. was paid for an 1899 still by the French post-impressionist Paul Gauguin, sold at auction yesterday.

The painting, "Nature Morte a l'estampe Japonaise," was one of 65 paintings from the estate of the late philanthropist Josef Rosensaft, Chairman of the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Survivors who left debts running into millions of dollars. The collection realised \$5.6m. The largest sum previously paid for a Gauguin was \$900,000 last May. (Reuters)

### Fusion mooted for power

WASHINGTON. — Recent scientific breakthroughs suggest that nuclear fusion can be developed for economical electricity by the year 2000, U.S. Government scientists told a joint Congressional hearing on Wednesday.

Robert Hirsch, acting assistant administrator of the Government's Energy Research and Development Administration, said a crash programme could produce a working fusion reactor by the late 1980s.

Fusion energy is produced when the nuclei of light hydrogen atoms are fused into larger nuclei. This process gives off enormous amounts of energy, but triggering it requires temperatures in the range of 50 million degrees. In the hydrogen bomb, nuclear fusion can be developed for economical electricity by the year 2000, U.S. Government scientists told a joint Congressional hearing on Wednesday. (UPI)

CRIME. — Edgar Zimmerman, an African Jew who allegedly was one of France's top crime bosses, has been acquitted on charges of questrating a hotel owner and been released pending another trial — for opening fire on police who were going to arrest him. The process gives off enormous amounts of energy, but triggering it requires temperatures in the range of 50 million degrees. In the hydrogen bomb, nuclear fusion can be developed for economical electricity by the year 2000, U.S. Government scientists told a joint Congressional hearing on Wednesday. (UPI)

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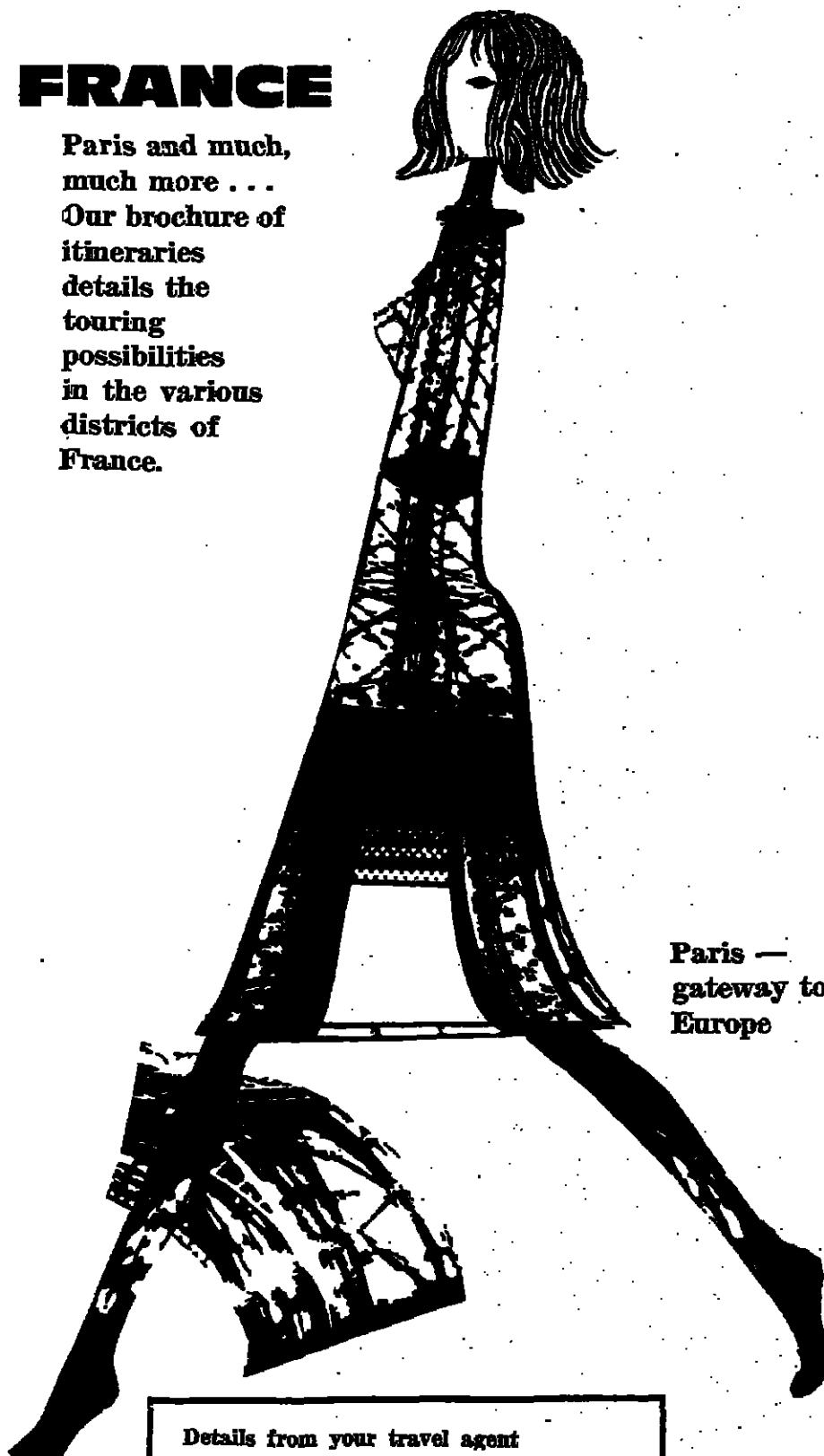


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## Gadi, the lonely clown of Jerusalem

By ILANA COVEN  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

IT WAS THE DAY before Erev Purim that I bumped into Gadi the Clown waiting for the number 22 bus. Although it was normal in Jaffa Road that day to be decked out in comic make-up and colorful costume, Gadi looked like any other 17-year-old Israeli boy (but even more so), with glasses and a shoulder bag. Except that Gadi Roll's bag was filled with props for juggling and fire-eating.

Gadi had 15 shows lined up for the Purim week and I gladly accepted his invitation to see his performance that night at the Pargod Theatre in Beale Street.

For those of us who follow the clowns in Jerusalem, Gadi is a familiar figure. Rising from the ranks of the Youth Dramatics Department of the Jerusalem Municipality, Gadi has performed in several clown and puppet groups for both children and adults. Last summer he rejoined some of his old partners from the "Abracadabra" troupe who are in London and now he is sharing with us some of the tricks he learned abroad. (For instance, have you ever seen an olive, an apple and a head of cabbage juggled together?)

Gadi is giving us more than suspense-filled mime, though. He is sharing with us his personal wisdom

gained from an unusual adolescence of juggling together a high-school curriculum with an intense involvement in creating and producing some of the most imaginative and genuine theatre experiences that Jerusalem has seen in the past few years.

Gadi the Clown stands alone now and sadly explains to his adult theatre-café audiences that although clowns usually perform in groups, his best friends are scattered in London, Amsterdam and Chicago. Once upon a time clowns performed in the streets, in the market places, but not now. If he were to go to the market today to juggle eggs and perhaps break a few in the act, would anyone think it funny?

In the guise of a neglected old man, Gadi tells us that clowning was once a venerated and cultivated art. But today clowns are relegated to children's parties (just as the recorder and the accordion have been overtaken by the piano.) In Gadi's lament for the disappearing clown, he is evoking Shakespeare's wise fool and Beckett's tragicomic vagrant. A true clown does more than dash off tricks before an applauding audience; a great clown of the old tradition mingles humbly and nobly among responsive people who laugh and cry with him.

We, the audience, were amused and teased and held breath-taken. But we were also put to shame for our role of apathetic complicity in the death of the clown in modern society.

## Ilanit goes sophisticated

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ILANIT of the long blonde hair, fresh complexion and pretty-girl-next-door image is no more. Ilanit is changing her personality — as far as the stage goes, at least. In her new show opening next week she aims to appear as a sophisticated cabaret star à la Lisa Minelli, Marjane et al and at the same time, it is sincerely to be hoped, in a solo appearance with individuality.

"For years I have dreamt of having an evening which is really my own. I wanted a particular type of show concentrating on songs where the lyrics are worth hearing, not simply banal pop songs; cabaret songs with more potential for expression and acting rather than the normal type of folk or love songs I have sung for years. The preparation of such a show needs a lot of time and work; for ten years I have been working non-stop with appearances here and abroad, with barely time for a break between appearances. Now things have changed."

Things have changed for Ilanit — in real life Mrs. Hanna Gat — in the person of Amichai, her five-month-old son. Since he was born (and several months before), Ilanit has been spending her time at home, for her a new experience. She has been able to work intensively with her songwriters on texts — songs by Elud Manor, Rachel Shapira, Daphna Ellat and Rimona Dinur, with music by Nurit Hirsch and Moshe Wilensky.

The fact that such a large part of the team consists of women is not merely coincidental. The "new" more mature Ilanit describes her show as being "a feminine angle on Women's Lib." — including a lot of songs by women and about women. Not women aggressively asserting their independence, but songs, for



(Photo Almag)

example, about the aging woman singer backstage, her problems, what goes on inside her; songs about the suffering and dependence of women."

Protagonists of Women's Lib would certainly not agree with the format of the new show where Ilanit, the "femme fatale," dances, reclines, sits and stands on an outside white grand piano, often dressed in black net tights or ultra low-cut décolleté dresses.

TO MEET Ilanit off-stage is something of a surprise — and a very refreshing one. She is totally unaffected, unassuming and very, very nice. Petite, her blonde hair neatly swept back into a pony tail, she was simply and casually dressed in a red sweater and blue jeans shirt. It is hard to believe that this is the same singing star with a stage personality and voice capable of holding a Eurovision song contest audience, of

stealing the hearts of crowds in London's Royal Festival Hall, Olympia in Paris and at the World Popular Song Festival in Japan (to mention but a few). Not forgetting, of course, her enormous popularity here in Israel.

Ilan of the old Ilan-and-Ilanit team is still very much around. As Shlomo Zech, he happens to be Ilanit's impresario and what she terms "a really excellent manager; without his organizational abilities we would never have got anywhere." As far as singing goes, he prefers today to stay in the background. Conversation with Ilan and Ilanit, or should one say Shlomo and Hanna, tends to get a bit complicated as far as first names go. As her publicity manager, he talks of her and himself by their stage names; when they address each other, it is of course by "real" names. Both are excited at the challenge of the new show; together with director Zedok Sorfat, they are enthusiastic at the new "Ilanit image," "though the real pre-first night anticipation and nerves haven't quite hit me yet," says Ilanit.

Apart from their phenomenal success as singers, Ilan and Ilanit have one other noteworthy achievement highly to their credit; they appear to have managed "the perfect divorce." Since their marriage broke up six years ago, they have continued with an excellent working relationship; both have the highest professional respect for each other, they are very good friends during the course of each working day and privately, each has built his own life very satisfactorily.

I for one am extremely curious to see just how the new 1976 brand Ilanit will succeed on stage; Ilanit who is now a wife and a mother, Ilanit, formerly the natural Israeli folk singer, now the mature woman, the sophisticate, the seductive chanteuse. It will be a great tribute to her acting abilities if she can carry off such a chameleon change.

## Saudi women get a taste of freedom

By FRANK N. HAWKINS JR.

RIYADH. — Nabila, a Saudi woman who lived for nine years in the United States with her Western-educated husband, is now back in Riyadh, veiled and not allowed to go out by herself. Her husband has taken a second wife who lives in the house with them.

Another attractive young Saudi woman who recently returned home after being educated in Beirut says: "Some girls go abroad and their experiences don't change them. They are satisfied. They feel a compatibility with Islam. I wish I were like them. I regret I was abroad because of the conflicts I now feel within myself."

Women in this traditional Islamic country are tightly bound by religious law and social custom. But they are exposed to more and more Western freedoms which can have the effect of making them feel prisoners within their own culture. They are not allowed to drive and cannot obtain a passport or go abroad without the written consent of a male family member.

Schooling remains strongly segregated. The King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah offers courses for both men and women. But boys study in the morning and girls in the late afternoon or evening. Male instructors are not permitted in the same classrooms with the girls — their lectures must be presented via closed-circuit television.

Of the 5,000 Saudi students abroad, more than 95 per cent are men. It is nearly impossible for a girl to get a scholarship to study because of family and social pressures. Last year the prestigious University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran received 200 applications for admission by women. All were turned down.

The veil is slowly disappearing, but few Saudi women venture out into public places without an abaya, a long, usually black cloak that covers the head and body to the feet.

A double standard has emerged. Foreign women who have accompanied their working husbands to Saudi Arabia are now seen unescorted or with other foreign women in public places, their legs carefully covered by long pants.

This is painfully obvious to many Saudis, but few Saudi women would

yet venture into public places without a family male escort and an abaya. At a well-known pizza restaurant here, popular with young people for late-night snacks, foreign women drift in. But Saudi girls, who come with a driver, wait in the car for a waiter to bring their order out.

Until last year, government jobs were closed to women. But since the death of King Faisal last March, Crown Prince Fahd has allowed the employment of women as long as it is done unobtrusively.

"My father listens to my telephone calls and opens my private mail," said one single girl. "Any move I make is questioned. My parents have the attitude I shouldn't enjoy myself before I'm married. They are afraid that a taste of freedom will make it difficult for me to adjust to marriage later."

## FRESH AND RICH

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Sidney Harth conducting, Mrs. Zakai, soloist, Elzabethan songs, piano: Berlioz: From "Roméo and Juliet"; Strauss: Three Elzabethan Songs; Weber: Konrad; Prokofiev: From "Roméo and Juliet," Suite Nos. 1 and 2 (Jerusalem Theatre, March 16).

CONDUCTOR Sidney Harth's beneficial influence on the orchestra could be easily recognized in the fresh, rich sounds emanating from the string section, particularly the celli, and, generally, the concert showed a good standard of performance. The Berlioz started off like the Prokofiev (apparently the brass was bent on a Purim contribution), but then clean and precise playing proved that the Berlioz score is nearly 140 years old — naive romanticism, partly trivial in melodic invention, could not provide much excitement, though Sidney Harth tried very hard to bring out the best of the music. Mira Zakai sang the

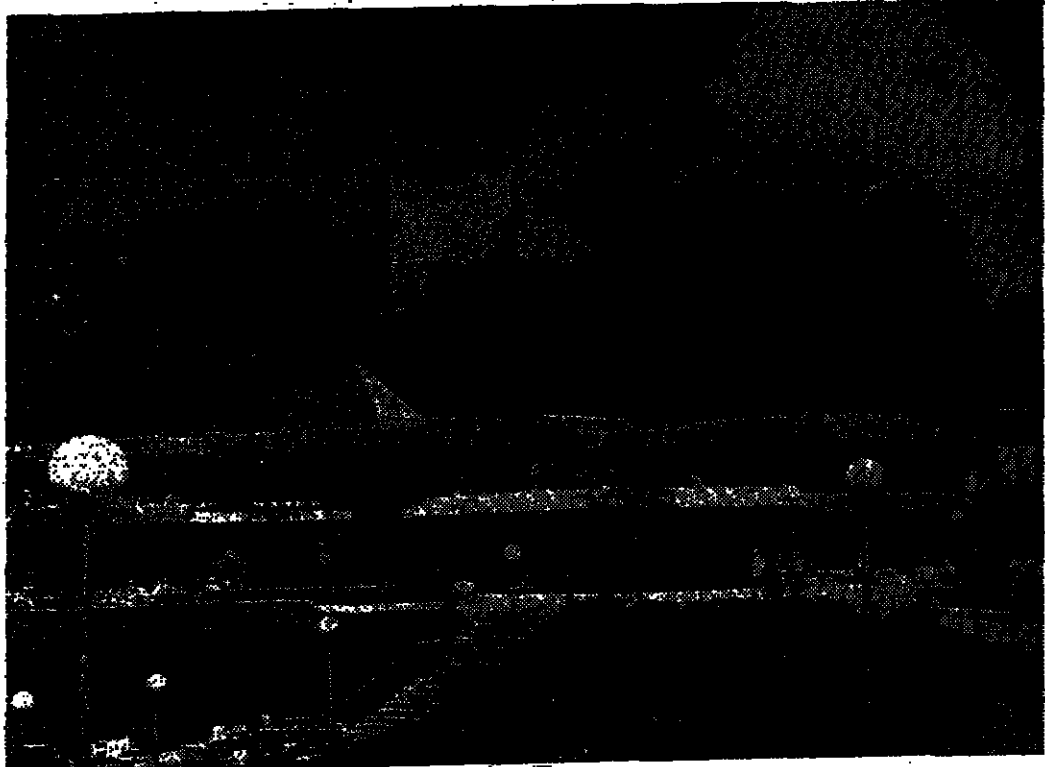
Elzabethan songs (Dowland and Hume) with devotion and commitment; the Strenberg contribution consisted of an arrangement for strings from the late accompaniment and was thus not an original Israeli composition.

Shoshana Rudakov played the Weber with bravura and impeccable technical fluency, variable touch and appropriate musical emphasis, though the piece is so trivial that one wonders why any pianist should choose it for a public performance.

Finally, the orchestra opened up all its stops and, under the watchful but spirited direction of Sidney Harth, the few excerpts from the Prokofiev Ballet were given a beautifully worked-out and precisely performed reading, which crowned the evening with an impressive and fitting climax.

Yohanan Boehm.

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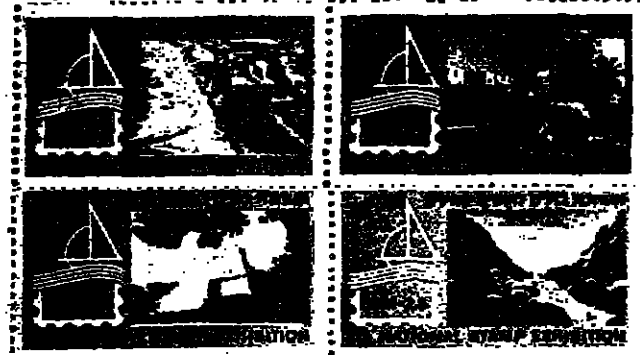
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## Netanya 76 exhibition



Stamp Column  
By HARVEY D. WOLINETS

THE 5TH NATIONAL stamp exhibition which opens in Netanya on April 25 and runs until May 2, will be called "Netanya 76," and is sponsored by the Mayor of the city and the head of the Philatelic Services.

In order to publicize the show, a set of 4 labels are being distributed to stamp clubs and societies throughout the country. Each of the labels depicts a different view of the host city: waves breaking against Netanya's seashore, the fountain in Independence Square, the monument erected in memory of the hundreds of the city's citizens killed in Israel's wars, and the path up from the beach used by the "illegal" immigrants smuggled into Palestine during the British Mandate period.

To the left of each of the scenes is the emblem of the exhibition. It is a stamp depicting a sailboat on the waves — a symbol of the partnership between the city of Netanya and the Philatelic Services and stamp societies that help make the event possible.

Lack of space has limited the exhibition to 350 display frames of stamps. The exhibits will be entered in various competitive classes: youth, general, national, air mail and miscellaneous. There will also be an hour de concours display consisting of collections previously awarded prizes in past exhibitions. Medals and various other prizes will be awarded to winning entries. One of the aims of "Netanya 76" is to encourage displays by people who have never before participated in a competition. In all, 90 individuals will present their collections.

Together, the displays will represent an in-depth study of the philatelic history of the State of Israel. It will also include many collections of general interest. Space limitations entail a maximum of 8 frames per collection.

The city of Netanya will provide booths for stamp dealers to display their philatelic wares.

The opening of "Netanya 76" will also see the release of a special IL10 souvenir sheet to commemorate the event. At the time of writing, it has not yet been decided whether or not this item will also be available at philatelic counters in post offices throughout the country. As previously reported, the annual Memorial Day stamp, an issue for Lag-Ba'Omer and one for the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution will also be released on April 25. These latter issues will be available at philatelic counters throughout the country.

The exhibition itself will be held in the Ron Auditorium, 14 Stampers Street, Netanya. The opening ceremony will be held outside the hall if weather permits.

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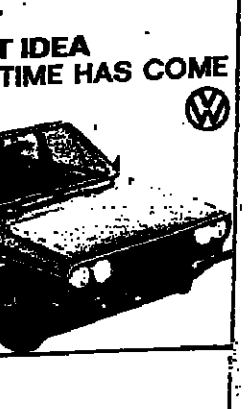
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## Trying to reason with Israelis

In a concluding article on reactions of the confrontation states to the proposals of the Brookings Plan for a controlled step-by-step solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, PROF. NADAV SAFRAN, a member of the Brookings panel, registers disappointment with the Israeli reactions which he heard. Prof. Safran, an Egyptian-born Jew, and since 1962 a naturalized U.S. citizen, lived in this country before going to the U.S. in 1950.

ALMOST invariably Israelis expressed reservations about the Brookings Plan in terms of a few familiar clichés. The plan, they said, required Israel to surrender permanently "tangible" security assets in exchange for "intangible" promises of peace which the Arabs may reverse at their convenience. The fact that the proposal is constructed of several interdependent parts, the logic of that interdependence, and the theoretical underpinnings of the "bottom line" all fell out of the minds of the interlocutors pressed the plan.

That kind of objection ignores the simple truth that hostility and the absence of it revert ultimately to "intangible" states of mind, which condition perception and determine action. Even the most "tangible" strategic assets and capabilities aim, in the final account, at modifying the enemy's mind, and providing a fall-back position in case of failure to achieve that. This is also what the proposal seeks to accomplish, but by different means: through a controlled process of normalization. That process does not depend on Arab promises alone, but is regulated by the pace of Israeli evacuation. Israel would not yield the last security assets, presumably those she would want otherwise to retain, until normalized relations are established "fact in the field," as they say in Israel.

Another simple notion advanced against the plan was that the Arabs are not yet ready for peace, let alone normalization. Many arguments were used to support this assertion, including Sadat's statement that real peace is for coming generations; however, discussion of the evidence often led to the final argument that the Arabs, really, have no reason at this time to want peace. Given the Arabs' belief that they won a great victory in the Yom Kippur War, given the actual enormous political successes they have scored since, and given their almost unlimited capacity to amass all the armaments they want, why should they be interested in a peace? At the most they may be interested in some kind of settlement on tactical grounds — in order to try to get back the territories on the chessboard, and place themselves in a better position to assault Israel at subsequent stages.

Through Arab eyes

This argument tries to understand Arab motivation by empathy, which is sound procedure, but it does not go far enough in that direction. A greater effort to look at matters through Arab eyes might have shown, for example, that the belief that they won a great victory in October 1973 may actually tell more about the extent to which they had previously felt impotent and hopeless, than it may tell about the assessment of the real military outcome of the war.

This line of inquiry, in turn, might have underscored that a position of weakness is not necessarily one that is most conducive to a desire to make peace. Dayan did not, after all, get the phone call he expected in June, 1967 — not even on tactical grounds — whereas in October, 1973, Sadat, and even the Syrians, formally agreed to enter into negotiations for peace. Israelis have been brought up on the valid conviction that the Arabs would not contemplate making peace as long as they could hope to destroy Israel. But this does not mean that they would not make peace unless they were powerless in the face of Israel.

THESE ARGUMENTS apart, the notion that "the Arabs" command vast resources which permit them to aim for the destruction of Israel betrays a lack of understanding of the dynamics of inter-Arab politics and of the effect of Israeli behaviour on these dynamics. "The Arabs" are not so much a single camp, as they are a collection of countries with diverse interests, held together by the confrontation with Israel. Once a resolution of the confrontation becomes possible, that coalition, like all war coalitions, is very likely to break up or assume different forms. Take, for example, Saudi Arabia: The Saudis may hate Israel more than any other Arabs; but what they fear most is Arab radicalism and Soviet Communism, and their exploitation of the Arab-Israeli conflict in order to establish themselves and extend their sway in the area. Because of this nexus, the continuation of the conflict placed the Saudis again and again before a painful dilemma. They could either choose to support their Arab "brethren" actively, and thus in effect help the radicals reinforce themselves militarily and the Soviets extend their penetration to the Saudis' own peril, while they clashed with their American natural and historical ally. Or else they could choose to hold back and see the radicals and their Soviet supporters turn upon them and instigate the rest of the Arab world against them as deserters of the Arab cause.

The Saudis felt compelled to try first one course, then the other, then a mixture of both. But their only way out of the dilemma, and the one they seem to be cautiously pursuing now, is to promote a settlement of the conflict. This would allow them to use their resources in order to promote economic development and conservative tendencies in the Arab countries, instead of spending them on financing the development of potentially hostile military powers and the consolidation of radical forces. It would also permit them to cultivate their relationship with the United States without being open to the charge of collaborating with the ally of the Arabs' enemy.

In short, then, Arab oil wealth and oil power are highly relevant, but only if the confrontation continues. This should be a crucial reason why

Israel should do its utmost to end the confrontation, instead of pursuing courses that may ensure its prolongation.

Finally, the same people who argue against the proposal on the ground that the Arabs are too possessed of the sense of their own wealth and power do not seriously ask themselves the question where Israel will get the money from to hold its end of the arms race if the confrontation continues. Israel is already spending a crippling 36 per cent of its GNP on defence, its citizens are saddled with the highest tax burden in the world, and it is already in need of American help to the tune of some two billion dollars a year. Continuation of the confrontation and the arms race will require further Israeli straining, and the doubling and redoubling of the American input in the next five or ten years in order to keep pace with the Arab side. A favourably disposed American Administration and Congress may come along, but the required aid if they feel that there is no alternative. But no Administration and no Congress are likely to be ready to provide such vast funds unless they believe that the Arabs are unwilling to make peace on terms they deem reasonable.

ANOTHER CONCERN expressed by some interlocutors is the problem of continuity of policy on the Arab side. Assuming the present leadership were indeed prepared to make peace, what assurance is there that other leaders might not take over and would repudiate the agreement and resume the confrontation and war? Against such an eventuality, these interlocutors insisted, Israel must have "defensible borders."

This argument reflects a tendency among many Israelis to play an intellectual trick on themselves. By concentrating on objections to alternative proposals, they implicitly credit the one they favour with merits that go unexamined. Assuming for a moment that reversal by future Arab leaders is a problem, what is the margin of security that would be provided against such an eventuality by three thin strips of territory along the Gulf of Aqaba, the Jordan River, and the Golan Heights, which is the most that can be conceived in any settlement? Is the margin of security provided greater than some additional military formations or weapons could provide? Is it preferable to the kind of security provisions envisaged by the proposed plan, including an American-Israeli security pact? These are only examples of the kind of relevant questions involved; but Israelis have avoided them all by the simple device of calling the lines in question "defensible borders" or "security borders."

The problem of a possible Arab reversal, in connection with the proposed plan, is crucially affected by considerations of time and space. If the reversal were to occur before the proposed plan had been fully applied, then, Israel would still be in possession of territorial security assets so that the situation would be no worse than under any alternative settlement. If, after this, means that the process of normalization will have already been completed, including reduced military establishments, likely new alignments, economic interdependencies, new third party involvements, and so on. In addition, there would, in any case, be the deterrent of the American-Israeli security pact. All these factors would make it highly unlikely that the reversal would occur in several key Arab countries at once, which would leave the reverting country isolated and manageable. An inkling of what is meant may be had from the developments that took place in Egypt and the limitations they have placed on Syria after a mere limited interim agreement between Egypt and Israel.

"Self-determination"

The idea of "self determination" for the Palestinians proposed by the plan encountered the strongest resistance even among interlocutors from the middle ranges of Israeli opinion. "Self-determination," it was argued, meant a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, which meant a PLO-dominated state, which meant Soviet-supported Arab forces less than 10 miles from Netanya, and also Israeli planes taking off or landing almost anywhere being at the mercy of simple terrorists armed with shoulder missiles.

Explanations to the effect that the process of normalization by stages, controlled by gradual, conditioned withdrawal applied here too, and that these provisions made irrelevant the particular forms expressed by the Palestinians' "self determination" were dismissed on the spurious grounds that the PLO would never agree. Reiteration of the reasons the Jordanians cited in explaining why they did not fear a PLO state (see 2nd article), which are highly applicable to the Israeli case too, were dismissed as Jordanian rationalizations.

The conclusion is inescapable that Israelis have a lot of thinking to do if they are to avoid drifting into potentially disastrous waters. The thinking must begin with fundamental questions about the supreme objectives and priorities of Zionism at this historical juncture. What comes first — liberation of the land of Israel, or the liberation and redemption of the people of Israel? Those who seek the former should know that they are in fact telling the people that dwell in Israel that it should play all and risk all for the liberation of the land. Those who are not prepared to go along that road, should courageously draw the consequences and not allow attachment to bits of territory to cloud their judgment about the best options to achieve peace and security.

Christian Comment / Oikoumenikos

## Christian-Jewish dialogue 'a common search for spirituality'

IN A ROUND-TABLE discussion at the end of the conferences, some of the Jewish and Christian participants reviewed the ten years since the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Jews (*Nostra Aetate* No.4) and the seven years of regular consultations between the LJCIC and WCC on the one hand and the Roman Catholic Church on the other. At the table were Fr. Pierre de Contenson, executive secretary of the Vatican Commission on Religious Relations with the Jews; Fr. Bernard Dupuy, secretary of the French Bishops' Committee for Relations with Judaism; Dr. Franz von Hammerstein, executive secretary of the WCC Consultation on the Church and the Jewish People; Prof. Shmaryahu Talmon, dean of the faculty of humanities of the Hebrew University and chairman of the Jewish Council in Israel for Interreligious Consultations; and Dr. Paul Warshawsky, director of the World Jewish Congress office in Buenos Aires. The moderator was Rev. Coos Schoneveld, executive secretary of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, who put the first question: What, in the ten years since the Second Vatican Council and the seven years of regular consultations, has been achieved, and what difficulties have been faced?

Talmon: The fact that we have established, on the international level, a common working group that meets regularly and can exchange opinions and information, should be considered as a step in the right direction. But we should ask: have we been radiating from this centre to communities, Christian and Jewish, in the world? Here I would say immediately that I am not satisfied about progress in this respect. But there have been some indirect results which I would like to point out. At least on the Jewish side we have become involved, almost on a global scale, in dialogues. There was, for example, that meeting in Colombo which was organized by the WCC with participants from five religions — Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Judaism. There our Jewish contribution had an impact. While the term first chosen for the conference was "world community," in the end another term, which we had proposed, was selected: "community of communities." This implies that a world community cannot be composed of individuals who unite or try to co-operate, but rather of communities — of whatever configuration — which together should constitute a wider community.

de Contenson: Our Catholic Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews tries to represent the Roman Catholic Church, and not just the Vatican administration. The Roman Catholic Church is a unified structure, extending all over the world. In this respect there is an asymmetry between us and the WCC as far as dialogue with Jewish partners is concerned. The structure of the WCC is quite different, as it is composed of many different and autonomous Churches.

Since there is now an official framework within the Catholic Church for dialogue with the Jews, all members of the Catholic Church have to take this fact into account,

Delegations of the World Council of Churches (WCC) and of the Roman Catholic Church met in Jerusalem recently in consecutive conferences of three days each, with representatives of world Jewry, united in the LJCIC — "International Jewish Council for Interreligious Consultations."

whether willingly or unwillingly. It imposes a new attitude to all people belonging to the Church. The very existence of our Commission, and of the liaison committee composed of Jews and Catholics, certainly has had an impact on anti-Semitism in the Church. One of the first results was the publication last year of the Guidelines for the implementation of the Vatican II declaration on the Jews.

What were the difficulties in the last few years? We had to discover what were the possibilities and the limits within our Church concerning the relations with Judaism. And this was not always easy. We are now engaged in a permanent, let us hope a developing, process of Jewish-Christian co-operation. Things that were impossible two or three years ago will perhaps be possible this year or next year.

Warshawsky: In the existence of our permanent channel of communication we have no doubt achieved something very important. But there are still some problems.

As a matter of fact, dialogue does not rank very high in the list of priorities, either in the Catholic Church or in the Jewish world. This affects those who are actually engaged in dialogue on both sides, and creates quite a number of difficulties for them. There is another problem. Jews are on the whole a Western people, while neither the WCC nor the Roman Catholic Church represents only Western Christians. But our dialogue has taken place only on the Western level. Therefore we have to broaden the encounter between Jews and Christians from the geographical viewpoint as well.

Von Hammerstein: For years the Christian-Jewish dialogue was very much a North Atlantic affair. We looked at the problems more or less from a European or an American perspective. Now, during the last ten years, certainly in the WCC, not only have many Orthodox Churches joined the World Council, and many Third World Churches from Africa and Asia, but they have won a lot of influence in it — influence which is necessary and normal, because they represent a large part of Christianity. So our task now is to bring them into this dialogue.

Talmon: We should recognize quite clearly that we are dealing, in the Jewish-Christian encounter, with a meeting between a huge majority

and a small minority in the world, despite the fact that here in Israel the situation has been reversed. Further, we must realize that to be prepared to engage in meeting people of another faith and to require a certain inclination, predisposition to do so. This inclination of mankind is not so strong, and insofar as it exists, the inclination is found more in the West than in other parts of the world. cannot overlook the fact that, as regards to Christianity, the Jewish position remains to a large extent defensive posture. Jews are still their guard, for instance, against the possibility that Christianity assumes that missionary work which we know is part and parcel of the Christian heritage. For a reason, the dialogue will remain restricted, on the Jewish side, those people who have no confidence in their own existence and existential role, who can only open up to such encounter without feeling endangered by it. So here Israel plays an important role. The psychological and political security — as far as political security exists — which the Jew has in Israel gives him, more than in any other country, the possibility of meeting on a basis of equality, without a and with a certain confidence.

The main interest for us as Jews must lie in the fact that our Christian partners become channels for us to reach out to Christian authorities and to Christian communities on levels, so that they may communicate to Christians how Jew want to be identified, make the sensitive to our problems and concerns.

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Von Hammerstein: We should think in terms of demands, rather of a common search for spirituality. And this real somehow to our common roots, not only to the roots. There exists deep spiritual bond between Christianity and Judaism. As Jews and Christians, we should engage studying together issues of common concern. We have proposed studying the attitude towards the Christian Jewish and Christian tradition, especially in view of the huge advances in technology and science, which become a threat to nature and mankind. In studying together we may learn from each other and enrich each other as well ourselves.

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The items are on display —  
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**ART AND EXPERIMENTAL FRENCH CINEMA WEEK**

presented by  
the French Embassy and Unifrance-Film (Paris)

- ★ **SOUVENIRS D'EN FRANCE** (1975) A. Techine
- Monday, March 22, at 7.00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 30, at 10.00 p.m.
- ★ **SERIEUX COMME LE PLAISIR** (1975) R. Benayoun
- Monday, March 22, at 9.15 p.m. and Thursday, March 25, at 7.00 p.m.
- ★ **LES ZOZOS** (1973) P. Thomas
- Tuesday, March 23, at 7.00 p.m. and Saturday, March 27, at 9.15 p.m.
- ★ **UN SAC DE BILLES** (1975) J. Dailion
- Tuesday, March 23, at 9.15 p.m. and Saturday, March 27, at 7.15 p.m.
- ★ **PROJECTION PRIVEE** (1975) F. Leterrier
- Wednesday, March 24, at 7.00 p.m. and Friday, March 26, at 1.00 p.m.
- ★ **COUSIN COUSINE** (1975) J.C. Tschela
- Wednesday, March 24, at 9.15 p.m. and Wednesday, March 31, at 7.00 p.m.
- ★ **HISTOIRE DE PAUL** (1975) R. Férét
- Thursday, March 25, at 9.15 p.m. and Sunday, March 28, at 7.00 p.m.
- ★ **BLACK MOON** (1975) L. Walle
- Friday, March 26, at 3.00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 31, at 9.15 p.m.
- ★ **DAQUERROTYPES** (1975) A. Varda and  
★ **CE QUE SAVAIT MORGAN** (1973) L. Béraud
- Sunday, March 28, at 9.15 p.m. and Tuesday, March 30, at 7.00 p.m.

N.B. Number of seats is limited. Tickets must be collected in advance at the French Institute, 111 Rehov Hayarkon — Tel Aviv, from March 20.

No tickets on evening of performance.

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**AACI Responds to the Crisis and the Challenge**

**ASSOCIATION OF AMERICANS AND CANADIANS IN ISRAEL**

**25th Anniversary Convention**

**BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV, BEERSHEBA**

**Tuesday, March 23, 1976**

11.00 a.m. — Tour of Beersheba; Hosts — Municipality  
2.00 p.m. — Registration; Reception for first-time Delegates

**PLENARY SESSION I — 5.45 p.m.**  
Chairman: Shina Altman  
★ Greetings — Beersheba Convention Committee: Leonard Perlov, Rina Brounstein  
★ Presidential Report  
★ Membership Awards — David Breslau  
★ AACI Memorial Forest Dedication — Rabbi Mordechai Kirschbaum, Executive W.Z.O.; Sen-Hagai

**PLENARY SESSION II — 5.00 p.m.**  
Chairman: Yitzhak Heimowitz  
★ Panel Discussion — "What about North American Aliya?"  
Panelists are Jewish leaders, recent olim:  
Rabbi Richard Hirsch, Dr. William Weiler, Esther Zackler

**GALA CELEBRATION - 8.30 p.m.**  
Rabbi Conservatory of Music, Derech Hameishachrim, Beersheba  
The public is invited  
Convention Chairman — William B. Goldfarb  
Greetings — Eliyahu Navi, Mayor of Beersheba  
Uri Narkiss, Dir.-Gen., Aliya Dept., Jewish Agency  
Menachem Sherman, Dir.-Gen., Misrad Haklita  
Edward Lee, Canadian Ambassador  
Henrietta Szold Awards — Dr. Israel Goldstein, Hon. President  
Response — Shina Altman, National President  
Musical Programme — David and Lisa, new olim

**GUEST SPEAKER: Prime Minister YITZHAK RABIN**  
Tickets available at AACI National Office, 53a Rehov Hayarkon, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-56201, and AACI Beersheba Office, 2 Rehov Hahatza, Tel. 057-76252

**Wednesday, March 24, 1976**

**PLENARY SESSION III — 2.00 a.m.** — Chairman: Reva Freedman  
★ Committee Reports — Credentials, Leonard Perlov; Nominations, Saadia Gelf  
★ Workshops — 9.00 a.m. — AACI Response to and Responsibility for:  
**THE OLIVE:** Hanna Greenbaum, Chairman; Samuel Adler, Misrad Haklita; Avraham Shafir  
Aliya Dept., Jewish Agency  
**THE SINGLE OLIVE:** David Twersky, Chairman; Kibbutznik; Citynik  
**ISRAEL SOCIETY:** Amnon Hadari, Chairman; Prof. Aaron Antonovsky, Dr. Zvi Sobel  
**ISRAEL AS A ZIONIST STATE:** Gershon Gross, Chairman; Prof. Robert Goldy, John Lemberger, Avraham Schenker; Executive W.Z.O.  
**MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION:** Rabbi Joseph Schachter, Chairman; Philip Katz, Elaine Kopp  
**FINANCE AND PLANNING:** Jacob Aikow, Chairman; Meyer Bargteil, Co-Chairman; Sylvia Tashit, Rabbi Herbert Freedman, Eliyahu Yanow.  
★ Elections — 1.30 p.m.  
**PLENARY SESSION IV — 2 p.m.** — Chairman: William B. Goldfarb  
★ Summaries of Workshops  
Resolutions — Israel Tashit  
★ Constitutional Amendments — George Levinow  
★ Closing Remarks

הכנס האמריקני



## Gov't aids inflation, not productivity — Shavit

By YA'ACOV ARDON

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Every billion pounds government spends advances inflation by 1 per cent — and at the same time raises productivity, says Shavit.

Shavit was speaking at the first meeting of the Hifa branch Second Generation Club of the Manufacturers Association, at the Nofel Hotel.

U.S. Treasury Secretary William French Wicks said during his recent visit to Israel that unemployment was the worst enemy of inflation.

Asked what he thought needed to be done to improve the state of the economy, Shavit said that the 18,000m. allocated to defense, research and development in the state budget could probably not be reduced, but he wondered whether

defense spending could not be cut. The 112,000m. for civil service wages had been passed untrammelled and no attempt had been made to reduce manpower in the public service, while industry needed workers. "We need workers for the second and third shifts," Shavit said. "We have millions of pounds worth of industrial equipment standing idle for 20 hours a day," he added.

The "Second Generation" club was established in Tel Aviv a few years ago and in Jerusalem in January. Another branch will be set up in Beer Sheva next month.

Members are young industrial executives, most of them graduates of the Technion and schools of business administration. They conduct study groups on such problems as the Common Market, immigrant absorption and environmental aspects of industry, chairman Reuven Vitale explained. The club's chairman will be Ya'acov Brand of the Alpha company.

## Plastics workers back at jobs, nothing gained

HAIFA. — The 60 workers who took for two weeks at the Orka plastics company in Tira, returned at back to work this week — with neither the wage increase they demanded nor strike pay for their efforts.

They went back to work after a management of the company, set up by foreign investors, had refused to budge on any of the shop committee's demands which the Haifa Labour Council did not endorse.

The committee had pressed management to negotiate without making the council a party to the talks.

## Rothschild branch is doing well

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel General Bank (the Rothschild's bank in Israel) ended the fiscal year with a total balance of 11,644m. it was announced.

The balance represented a growth of 18 per cent and an operating profit of 11,620m, 50 per cent over the previous year's figure. As a result, the board of directors announced a cash dividend of 15 per cent and a distribution of bonus shares of 25 per cent.

The bank specializes in foreign currency transactions, import export and both local and foreign securities. Plans are being made for new offices in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

## EL AVIV STOCK MARKET:

### An end to the sag seen

TEL AVIV. — Stocks were down yesterday on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, and index-linked bonds of the included dollar also tended to drop. In what financial circles saw the final flutters of reaction from Monday's devaluation.

The fall in index-linked bonds was attributed to an offering of 11,500m. 10-year bonds, most of which was absorbed, with no loss, by the bank of Israel. Brera bonds of up to two years fell two to six points and longer term bonds of this type 1 one to two points.

However, financial sources felt it with yesterday's drop the bond market had bottomed out and the market at few days would see increased

demand. Total turnover in bonds was 11,119.3m. Stocks which countered yesterday's tendency to fall included Igud, Wolfson, Bank Leumi A, Africa and Dead Sea. Declines registered included Delek, Habushat Hayishuv, Tefahot, Hadera Paper Mills, Yarden, Discount Investments and Leumi Investments. Total turnover in stocks was 11,544m. with 11,807,300 in variables.

The General Index rose by 0.02 per cent to 127.24. In Netat dollars there were offerings of 663,000, bringing a drop of five agorot to 11,902. 123,000 were traded. Dollar linked bonds fell slightly.

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## Labour's uncertain partner

ADDING fuel to the fires already simmering under Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the political committee of Mapam this week served notice that unless it is seen as a serious partner it will leave the Labour Alignment. The deadline apparently is the Mapam Convention in June. A temporary compromise decision to stay in the Alignment was formulated by the party's secretary-general, Meir Talmi. But it provides impressive evidence of the shift in opinion within Mapam in the direction of opting out of the Alignment framework.

Mapam's original decision to join the Alignment in 1969, was opposed by a large minority of the more doctrinaire leftist and younger elements of the party. But the arguments adduced by the party's veteran leaders, Meir Ya'ari and Ya'acov Hazan, in favour of aligning with Labour in a joint parliamentary bloc, carried the day.

The main argument urged in favour of Mapam's entry into the Alignment in 1969 and remaining there in 1973 — when the issue was raised again — was that the most important political task confronting the party during that period was to prevent the Labour Party from being taken over by Moshe Dayan and Rafi "hawks." A second reason generally left unsaid, was the fear that Mapam outside the Alignment would not be able to retain its seven to eight Knesset seats. Labour was prepared to guarantee it that number of safe seats as part of an Alignment agreement.

Today, however, the counter arguments of the internal opposition have gained force. Its warning that Mapam would be a very junior partner has come true. The serious internal weakening of the Labour Party as a cohesive political framework has also served to shunt Mapam aside. It has generally been ignored and its policy positions on foreign affairs and even more so on social and economic policies in a period of belt-tightening, have had relatively little impact.

Some of Mapam's internal critics also fear that the dilution of the party's doctrinal image will drive younger members and other potential voters into the arms of splinter left groups — such as Moked.

Certainly it is not simple for a party historically doctrinaire left to live easily with the inevitable compromises deriving from governmental power and budgetary constraints: witness Health Minister Victor Shemtov's difficulties in accepting the Government's current budget proposals and restrictive economic policies.

But if Mapam were ultimately to decide to leave the Alignment it would not in fact be a threat either to the Labour Party or to Mapam itself. Labour would largely retain its power positions and Mapam would in any case select to remain in a Labour coalition to block the Likud.

Alignments and parliamentary blocs such as the Likud are desirable if they serve as way-stations on the way to full political unity. If they do not lead to the creation of united parties within a reasonable time they tend to confuse the political map and the electorate which must contend with increasingly ambiguous and meaningless party lists at election time.

It is, perhaps, then, all to the good, if Mapam finally forces itself to face the alternatives of either joining the Labour Party and fighting for its views from within the party, or of striking out again on its own.

## Dry Bones



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## Syrian encouragement

DAVAT (Hizdadrut), noting that, for the first time on Wednesday fighting between Moslem and Christian forces broke out in Lebanon in the vicinity of Israel's border, believes that "in the south at least, the terrorists and the Iraqi force in this area not only are encountering no interference from the Syrians, but are actually being encouraged by them." The paper gives little credit to Syria's claim that it is seeking a non-violent solution to the present crisis to enable President Frangieh to resign honourably. Pierre Jumell's welcoming the Syrian

"mediation effort" was only acknowledged the fact that Syria now controls 80 per cent of the army and para-military forces in Lebanon, the paper says. "Israel must not only keep an alert watch on developments across the Lebanese border but also pay special attention to the unrest in the West Bank. Even though this is ostensibly of local significance sooner or later these sectors of incitement may join together to form a single front. A firm stand is therefore required of the military government and the security forces."

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THE COMPARISON to Jim Callaghan is irresistible this week. Haim Zadok radiates that same aura of experienced self-confidence, which characterizes the man who will probably be Britain's next prime minister.

Above all, Zadok, like Callaghan, has the natural facility and political acumen to avoid making enemies. He steers a careful course through the turbulent Labour Party, not shirking the issues, but managing somehow to stay clear of collisions.

Not a leader of men, he does not inspire intense personal commitment, as Allon or Dayan used to. And not being a powerful party boss in the Sapir mould, he does not attract sycophantic reverence.

Rather, he engages latent respect, potential support, among a growing number of Labourites. More and more people are coming to regard him as a good choice for premier — should the need to choose arise again. Others whose first preference would be another man, see Zadok as their next-best.

Asked about his hopes and prospects, Zadok assumes the proper air of embarrassment, and asserts: "I am not presently aspiring to the premiership..." I pounce on "presently," but he erases it with a wave of the hand. "Rub out 'presently' if you like; I meant nothing by it."

The key-word, of course, is not "presently," but "aspiring."

"Aspiring" is capable of such a wide range of meaning, from the most active and determined longing to the most passive and innocuous daydreaming. In the first sense, Zadok was no doubt being honest enough (though some rather active politicking on his part of late). Our conversation was on Wednesday afternoon. Forty-eight hours earlier, Jim Callaghan would have been able to make precisely the same statement with the same clear conscience and ingenuous honesty. He too was not actively scheming to replace the Prime Minister. And yet, overnight, he was a declared candidate, with the best chance of winning, building his campaign on that easy-going, confident, likeable image which he had evolved over the long years of "not aspiring."

Of course Israel is not England. The difference in political norms was graphically illustrated by the knee-jerk reaction of some Israeli pundits to Wilson's surprise retirement announcement. A ploy, they opined, with all the twisted wisdom of Israel's parochial levantineism: a transparent manoeuvre — he wants them to beg him to come back....!

## POSTSCRIPTS

THE SERIES of articles by Prof. Nadav Safran (concluded elsewhere in today's Post) on the implications of the Arab countries' reactions to the Brookings Report led one of our readers, Prof. Saul Sigelschiffer of Hofit, to send us the following table — with apologies to Aesop.

The Fox and the Porcupine  
THE WOLF had tried several times to eat the porcupine but was frustrated by its quills. Enraged, he stormed through the forest howling day and night, giving the other animals no rest and threatening to continue to do so until he could eat the porcupine.  
So the animals called a council and decided that the fox should convince the porcupine to allow itself to be eaten. The fox hastened to the porcupine and said:  
"Why do you always raise your quills when the wolf approaches? Don't you know that the wolf is a very fine animal? All the other animals like him and would do anything for him. Why should you be different?"  
"Because he wants to eat me," said the porcupine.  
"That's nonsense," replied the fox. "If you show that you trust him, he won't eat you."  
"How do you know?" asked the porcupine.  
"That's the impression I got when I last spoke to him."

IT IS A PLEASURE to learn that three adventurous young men are trying to turn the clock back. Instead of working their fingers to the bone to earn enough money to travel faster than sound by Concorde, they are planning a round-the-world trip on horseback which will take them four years.

## READERS' LETTERS

### Excellent coverage

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I first subscribed to the Jerusalem Post primarily to elicit the pleasure of having another small tie to Israel. That wish has been more than fulfilled.

In addition, I have come to learn the benefit you provide in terms of news coverage. I subscribe to the "New York Times," the "Washington Post," "Newsweek," etc., and have discovered your reporting to be more unbiased than anything I read here. Repeatedly you have published news (e.g., Russian "technicians" in Egypt) which was denied in the States only to be confirmed six weeks later. Both your news reporting and your news analysis are more reliable and incisive than any other I read, equally

# The reluctant aspirant



Haim Zadok with Golda Meir — is she ready to swallow a certain distrust? (Rahamin Israeli)

By David Landau

But things might well be changing here, and the pundits slow to spot them. With the death of Sapir and the decline of the party machine, we may yet be moving away from "Rammany Hall and towards Westminster." Abba Eban, for instance, has said privately that if the leadership race is reopened, he will call a press conference and announce his candidacy, in the best American or British tradition, regardless of what the Mapai bosses say or think.

Eban learned his bitter lesson in May 1974, when Sapir and the others betrayed him, the natural Mapai aspirant.

Zadok's failure to seek the nomination at that time has remained an enigma. Some say that Sapir spurned him, though an unwavering dove and faithful Mapai man, because he is rich (a successful lawyer) — an attribute which some old-school Labourites consider a drawback. He has a pat answer ready when asked if he regrets not standing then: "If I said no then, when friends urged me to run and the issue was actual and immediate, my answer is certainly negative now, when the whole question is hypothetical."

Like every felicitous legal formulation, this cheerfully sidesteps the obvious faultiness of the logic. So much has changed since May 1974 — and the changes give the question its validity. Sapir has gone, Rabin has grown weaker instead of stronger — and Zadok has steadily risen in standing and prominence.

The symbol of his rise is his inclusion in the new "steering forum." This formally confirms his rank as one of Mapai's most senior figures.

Some observers see his inclusion in the "forum" as a sign that he is being groomed by Mapai as the faction's first-string candidate should Rabin continue to falter. This theory assumes that, when it comes to the crunch, the Mapai stalwarts will balk at the prospect of a Shimon Peres premiership, and look among their own for a man to fight and beat him.

The assumption is almost certainly valid in the case of Golda Meir. Her hostility towards Peres has not been blunted with passing years. "If Peres, then why not Dayan?" she reportedly asked a friend two weeks ago.

Her primary aim, the pundits say, in returning to active politics, is to protect Rabin's flank from Peres. If this fails, and Rabin continues to fade, the second-line defence would be to rally the party centre around Zadok. She would have to swallow a certain distrust she has always harboured for Zadok (because of his pronounced dovishness?). But, rather than say these things, she reportedly asked a friend two weeks ago.

Zadok listens to all this gossip speculation with unconcealed interest — and most properly again, makes carefully non-committal noises. He was not surprised, he says, to be invited to join the "forum." The invitation came from the Prime Minister and, as far as he is concerned, the decision too was the Prime Minister's. His relations with Golda are admittedly cool, and always have been. He has only

visited her once since her retirement. But there is certainly no spite or bitterness.

With Rabin, he says, he has "a satisfactory working relationship." A source close to the Premier said he thought Rabin's ties with the Justice Minister had been growing closer of late. But if they have, Zadok has not felt them. The "satisfactory working relationship" has continued on a more or less even keel throughout, he says. (The Rabin source said the Premier seemed to have grown progressively less suspicious of, and reserved towards, his smooth-talking and able Justice Minister.) There is certainly nothing of the close collusion, the near-indispensability, which marked the ties between the two men's predecessors: Golda Meir and Ya'acov Shimshon Shapiro.

THE PERSONALITIES here are of course very different; Rabin especially is not driven by the gregarious need to confide in others. There is no kitchen cabinet.

But there has been a "negotiating team" of top ministers whose activities far transcend the legal negotiations. Interminable strife has pretty much paralyzed this team of late, and Mr. Rabin indeed pronounced it formally dead at a cabinet meeting a fortnight ago. Haim Zadok was never a member of it. He was brought into the Kissinger shuttle talks whenever specifically legal matters were at issue; but he was not kept abreast of the day-to-day cable traffic and other diplomatic developments which are the necessary background material for informed policymaking.

Plainly, Zadok would like to play

a greater part in foreign policy — present ambition," he says. "I'm a good justice minister, and to be a justice minister is the best I can do in all areas, Cabinet work."

What the cynics see as an and far-sighted facility for "keeping his nose clean, not taking sides, giving offence," Zadok regards as his natural trait of personal discretion coupled with the weighty responsibility of being Justice Minister.

"I do try to think matters through before forming a judgement. I think that doesn't mean I'm equivocal. I've been very clear on every major issue." He reads some of them. He had not been afraid of "dirtying my nose" to press censorship. He was the Labour Party minister opposed guaranteeing convention seats party functionaries (shiryon), was strongly against any deal with the Sabastia settlers.

He had been the first to favor civilian supervision of defence spending. He had opposed on grounds of legal aesthetics, Rabin's wish to have Yosef Almog join the government while retaining ministerial rank. He had solidly opposed retroactive legislation in the Yom case, despite the public hysteria, had fearlessly prosecuted Yehosh Peres. And he has consistently favoured negotiations with Jews and never concealed his dovish views in Cabinet discussions.

"But I am very particular about the principle of collective responsibility and the duty of a minister to publicly criticize a cabinet decision or action."

"That's why my positions Cabinet debates are not leaked, publicized. But that doesn't mean I don't take strong positions."

Of course, by not emphasizing public his views on controversial issues, Zadok conveniently avoids the cynics would say, the need to take sides, to fight publicly against others who hold different views. He is less restrained about expressing them to the media. In the long run, though, Zadok's reticence prove to pay better dividends to others' garrulity.

There is one other respect in which the comparison with Jim Callaghan almost begs itself: both are "relatives" to the other contents Callaghan's 64 years are considered in Britain his major drawback. Zadok is a young-looking 52. If elections are held on schedule, 1977, he, too, will be 64.

"Yes, I think 64 is rather old for a Prime Minister," he remarks. He pensively: "No, better not say it. It will seem as though I am relatively questioning Golda's premiership."

## PORTION OF THE WEEK

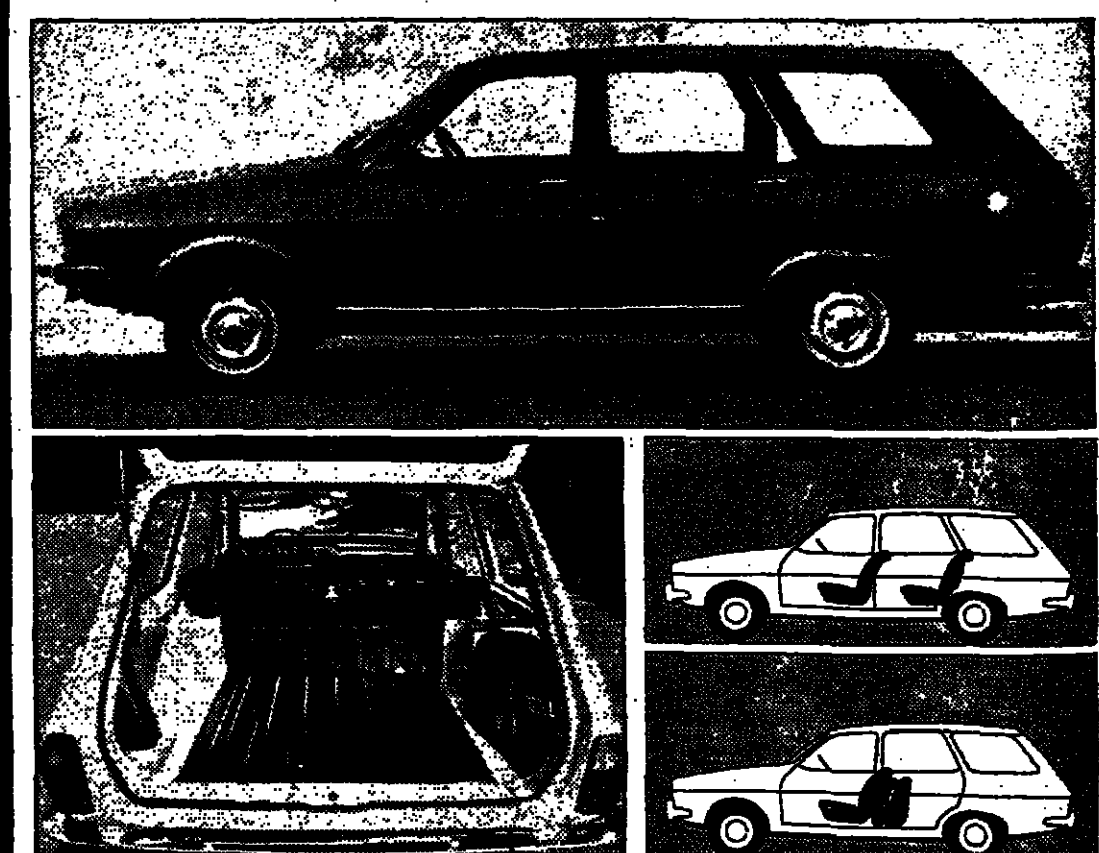
### A thank-offering of words

Portion of the Week: Sidra: Tzav (Leviticus 6:1-7:40)  
"IF HE PRESENTS it as a 'Thank-offering' (Leviticus 7:12) — See how Blessed Holy One forgives the Jews their sins and is sparing of their lives. He said: Whoever has a spare bullock shall offer a bullock; whoever has a spare ram shall offer a ram; whoever has a spare lamb shall offer a lamb; whoever has a spare dove shall offer a dove. Whoever has only one of any of these shall bring meal. And whoever has no meal or anything else to bring words, for it is said (Ezekiel 14:3): 'Bring words and come back God' (Talmud, Tract. B. Baber edition: Vayikra Rabba 6:4).

RABBI YAMNAI was out walking and met an elegantly dressed man, asked him to do him the honour of dining with him. The man accepted invitation. After dining and writing him, Rabbi Yamnai tried to engage him in a discussion of Scripture, but the man was unable to respond. Rabbi Yamnai asked him to lead the saying of Grace, and the man replied evasively: "Let Yamnai lead the Grace in his home." Rabbi Yamnai said: "Are you capable of repeating after me?" "Yes," said the man. Rabbi Yamnai said: "Then say: 'A dog has partaken of Yamnai food.'" The man said: "Would you deprive me of my heritage?" "How?" Rabbi Yamnai asked. The man said: "Once I passed by a school and saw the children reciting: 'Moses commanded us a Torah, as a possession for the assembly of Jacob' (Deuteronomy 33:4). The assembly of Jacob, not the assembly of Yamnai." Rabbi Yamnai said: "What have you done to do to eat at my table?" The man replied: "I have never repeated grace, I have never come across two people quarrelling that I didn't stop the quarrel and bring about a reconciliation between them." Rabbi Yamnai said: "Man of such ethical force, and I called you 'dog'?" (Vayikra Rabba 6:4).

IN TOMORROW'S Haftara (Ezekiel 36:16-38; Parashat Para) we read: will take the heart of stone from your body and... put My spirit into you. You shall live in the land which I gave your ancestors; you shall be My people and I shall be your God."

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